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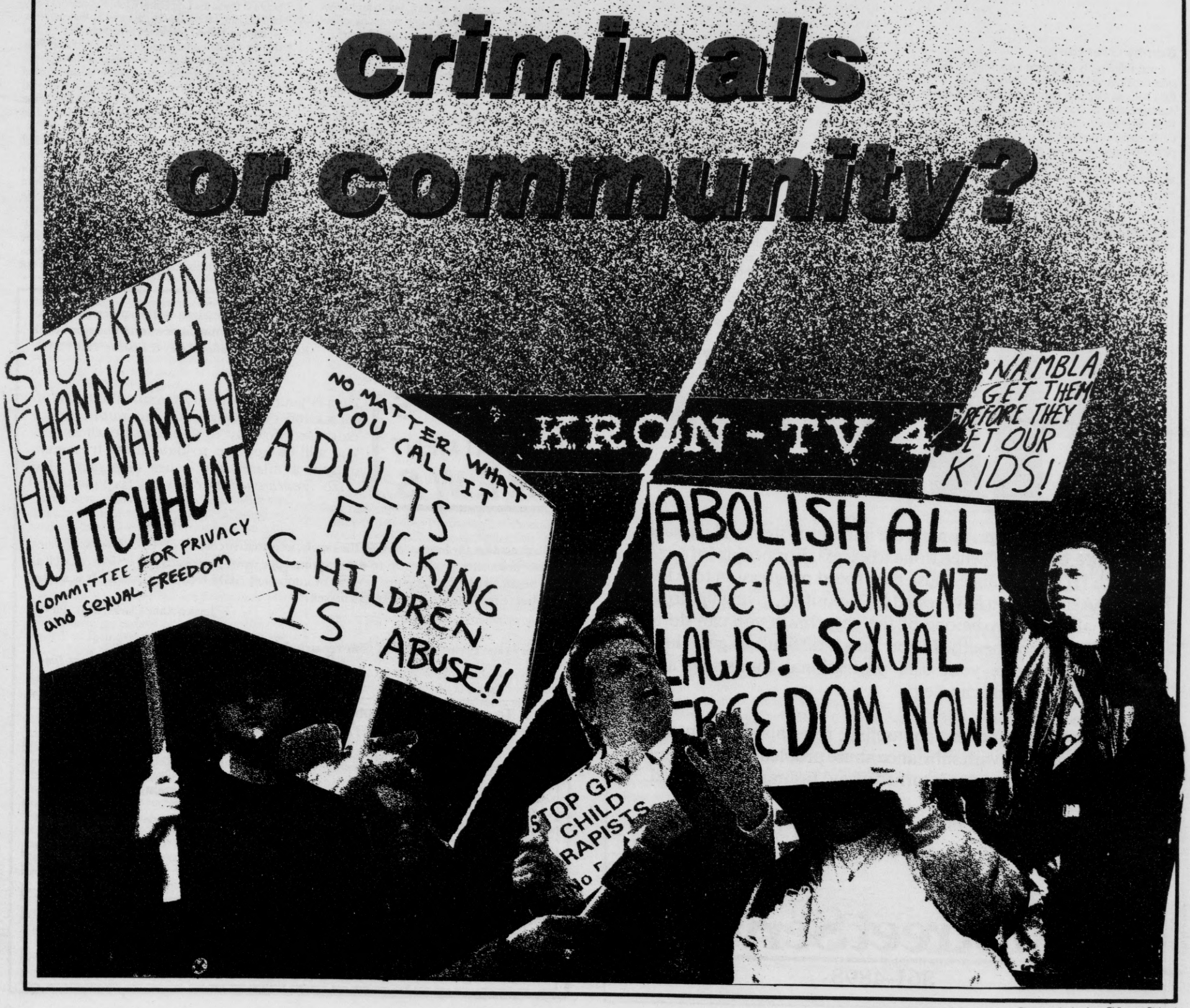

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LETTERS

Kopp to ACT UP: Drop Dead

A letter to ACT UP/Golden Gate:

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of Dec. 17, 1991.

You understand fully the major reason for cancellation of the meeting. Your utter lack of grace in demonstrating in my neighborhood and disturbing the peace of my neighbors is unacceptable. You are not a credible source of information. In fact, your tactics may have just the opposite effect, particularly among my neighbors who were subjected to your media-dictated conduct.

You can collect all the signatures you want; I will vote my conscience based upon information from credible sources, not a group of "acting up" adults who possess a distorted propensity for their own gratification. Your conduct will not be rewarded. I will continue to give thorough consideration to all facts and opinions on the subject matter at such time as any legislation is actually presented to the full State Senate for vote.

Quentin L. Kopp
San Francisco

Gumby Over Harry

I was thoroughly disgusted after reading the Insiders column on Harry Britt, Thursday, Jan. 9. Mr. Britt has spent the last four years badmouthing Art Agnos because he didn't like his speechwriter, Larry Bush. Britt totally ignored everything Agnos did for the lesbian/gay community and talked two disloyal, power-hungry, so-called liberals into running for mayor. Unfortunately Agnos couldn't withstand nine months of being beaten up by both the right and the left, so now we're stuck with Jordan and we can say goodbye to all our lesbian/gay commissioners (at least the progressive ones). But Harry really put the icing on the cake by pulling the rug out from Dr. Tim Wolfred.

It seems our only legacy from Harry is Jean Harris, who makes Larry Bush look like a rank amateur when it comes to obnoxious behavior, and Frank Jordan, who Britt doesn't even trust. Last week a reporter on City Desk mentioned that a poll was recently taken in the lesbian/gay community asking about our leaders and that Harry came out with as much support as Gumby. After watching Harry perform so long, I've decided Gumby would be a great improvement.

Shirley Rose
San Francisco

Migden/Jones Deal: What's In It For Us?

Certain other liberal local papers have led me (and perhaps others as well) to believe that Cleve Jones and Carole Migden have cut a deal with Willie Brown. In the same article, statements were printed saying that both of them deny that any deal has been cut (would they admit that, yes, I did this to further my career—I don't think so). The other papers have also led me to believe that Ms. Migden will get to go to Sacramento and Mr. Jones will get the supervisor's seat being vacated by the often absent Mr. Britt. If anyone is interested and has the time, go to a Board of Supervisors meeting. It's a learning experience. Surprisingly enough, the supervisor who shows up and bothers to stay for any significant period of time is not Migden, Britt or Achtenberg, but surprise, Supervisor Hsieh. I do not agree with his agenda, but I do admire his commitment.

I really believe that the majority of people who enter politics do so with good intentions. I also believe that to make a difference and to change things you do not have to be a politician. Politicians, in the long run, end up owing favors, being indirect, justifying their silences, and with a lot of hindsight. I don't think that's the best way to promote social justice and human rights.

Let's take AIDS for example. The reason we have gotten as far as we have (and it's still not enough) with education and treatment, is not because of politicians. It is because gays and lesbians did something. They took care of each other, emotionally, financially, and they caused a disturbance to the status quo. They made change happen. Certain people do not like that, and you have to look at which people do not like that. This way of thinking is a lot like a family where incest is going on. The perpetrator will abuse the child, and then through various forms of threat and manipulation deny/invalidate/belittle the child's reality. The perpetrator will say this did not really happen. The perpetrator makes up a false reality. Initially denial works in the child's favor as a survival mechanism. In the long run it prevents growth and healing. It takes a lot of courage to speak up, especially when someone with more power tells you you're wrong. When someone else listens to and believes the child, the false reality begins to crumble.

In the '30s there were a lot of people unemployed, hungry and with no place to live (reality); there was also a significant rise in membership to the Communist Party (a statement of dissatisfaction with the reality and a desire for change). Then came WWII, which promoted patriotism and provided jobs for the war effort. Following that, there was a significant backlash (punishment for threatening the status quo) with the McCarthy hearings and the Cold War. Desert Storm promoted patriotism, but so far has not provided jobs, even though our weapons effectiveness was demonstrated for potential buyers (in censored form, leaving out a lot of the aftermath) on TV every day.

It's an election year: We all are going to hear a lot of people telling us what is good for our community. We are going to hear people say that not voting for them or people in their party will allow our rights(?) to be taken away. We, in effect, are going to be told what's good for us. I do not believe anymore that lesbians/gays in the military, the Republican Party, or those who assimilate themselves into the Willie/Phil Demo Machine to further their own careers under the guise of working for the community, help further the cause. It doesn't matter if they use their sexual preference, gender or skin color as part of their platform. They perpetuate the false reality of the status quo and continue the denial. Cleve Jones made a very powerful political statement with his work for the AIDS quilt. Cleve Jones is a bright, charismatic man and can do a lot for the community without aligning himself to the SF old boy network. Ditto Carole.

I have in the past year and half been a member, in order, of the following parties: Democrat, Independent, Peace and Freedom, and finally the Green Party. I do not speak for any of the above, but I did some reading until I found the party that is closest to my personal truth of social justice and human rights. To paraphrase, when the people lead, the politicians will follow. Think for yourself. Don't believe the hype.

E. Lysium
San Francisco

No Apologies, No Regrets

On Sunday, Sept. 29, 1991, in a cowardly act of betrayal and homophobia, Gov. Pete Wilson, asshole extraordinaire, vetoed California State Assembly Bill 101, which would have secured employment rights for queers. By Monday night, Sept. 30, anger over the veto in our queer communities had risen to a point not seen or heard since the White Night riot in response to the lenient sentence meted out to another queer basher/killer, Dan White.

For months prior to the veto, speculation on what Wilson would do, sign or veto, raged across the pages of the assimilationist gay/lesbian press. On the political front, the Log Cabin Club, Republican Party butt-kissers, sat smugly by, assured by the candidate whom they helped get elected in some backroom deal that he would come through, thus justifying their support. The rest of us more realistic political types waited, holding our breaths. While we anticipated the worst, we hoped that this time maybe the usual trashing of our rights might not occur. Some of the more naive of us thought that maybe this time justice would be done.

Passage of AB101 would have had the effect of making at least one aspect of our lives, namely employment, a little more secure. But this was not to be. Like a basher's fist, the blow came from behind on a Sunday afternoon when fat, lazy media types would be reticent to cover the story. The object of this weekend disclosure was obviously an attempt to defray our anger, to throw us off. But little did Pete Wilson know that our queer communities had had it with his heterosexist shit and we were not

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going to take it anymore.

And so, on Sept. 30, 1991, for the third time in our queer activist history, we fought back as a community. The first time was Stonewall, where we fought back against the state which tried to prevent us from congregating; the second time was White Night, where we fought back in anger over the lack of justice by the state for the murder of our leader, Harvey Milk; and the third was on Sept. 30 over the veto of AB101, yet another case of the state denying our rights, our existence, our lives. In striking back at the state over the veto of AB101, we were fighting back against the violence done, once again, to us.

The comparison of Pete Wilson to Dan White is not lost on the queer activist community, but the queer communities in general don't seem to get it. Queer activists and assimilationists alike took to the streets that night, but it was the activists, the ones who have always put their asses on the line on behalf of everyone, who took the blame for the actions of everybody. Whether you threw a barricade or lit a match or stood by and cheered or watched, these activists expressed your anger. The rage expressed was not just the pent up anger of that night, but the repressed rage of a lifetime of abuse by a society, a culture, a state which claims equal protection under the law, yet refuses to grant it to those who are not straight or white or male. Our anger and the actions taken in expression of that anger were justifiable outrage at the violence done to our lives.

And now, 12 people have been fingered by filthy snitches from our own community and are being scapegoated into "paying for" the rage which we all felt that night. That's right, the rage we all felt that night, no matter what form it took. Whether it was chanting "Pete Wilson is shit" at the top of our lungs or throwing a police barricade through a tackily painted window, we all felt and expressed a righteous and justifiable outrage. If these 12 are guilty, then so are we all.

We should not apologize for, nor should we regret what happened on the night of Sept. 30. Furthermore we should support the persons who are being persecuted by calling and writing to the District Attorney for San Francisco County demanding that the charges be dropped. We should support these persons by attending their upcoming trials and the subsequent pickets and demonstrations.

And finally, if the above is not enough to convince you, think of this: If these 12 innocents are found guilty it will be justification for the state, the city and any other heterosexist pig who wants to jump on their queer-bashing bandwagon to persecute, prosecute and bash activists and other members of our communities without restraint in an attempt to intimidate us all into silence. These people are seriously threatened by our empowering of ourselves to fight back in our own defense and would like to drive us back into the silence of our closets. This is the agenda of the state. Is that what you want? Are you going to sit back and let it happen?

HELL NO! FIGHT BACK!

Allen Carson
San Francisco

Dave and Marky

Dear Dave Ford,

What were you doing with your hands while you talked on the phone with Marky Mark? I assume one hand held the receiver; were you jotting down notes with the other hand, or did you use a tape recorder to free it up? I sense you did the latter.

How did you get his telephone number? Have you entered it in indelible ink in your little black book? Did Marky say, "Sure, call again whenever you like?"

Were there any parts of the conversation that you wanted to keep private and not share with the readers? Did he say anything *personal* about how your voice sounds, or maybe about the style with which you ask questions, or about that he didn't really *mind* that you talk nasty with him?

What did you tell your friends about the conversation right after you had it? Did you call up, say, Don Baird and say, "Honey, he just wouldn't *stop* with the sexual innuendo over the line. The more I probed, the more eagerly he responded?" Did Don Baird then scream, "You slime! How could you, a mere media critic, get to go one on one with that hunky rapper when *I'm* the revered music critic who makes or breaks musical reputations?" Did you then tell Don Baird that Marky had promised to let you backstage at his next concert in the Bay Area, to let you personally ogle his Calvin Klein boxer bike-type shorts?

What do you *feel* when you obsess on the photos of Marky Mark dropping his pants? Do you feel that you could merge your body with his and that you and he could be as one in the cosmos?

Or are you salivating when you look at the bulge pushing out his briefs? Is your relationship with him that shallow?

Had he ever read any of the stuff you've written about him in every column for the last, oh, six months? Did he get off on it?

We, your readers, have come to acknowledge that Marky Mark is one of the gods of the gay community, straight as he is. We understand that his lean torso, exposed for all the crowds to lust for, entices—nay, *requires* our obeisance.

Now I would implore you to withhold further words about him. He's just right in my mind, cooked with just that certain tenderness, seasoned with just the right spice. Please let me savor him as he is. One more mention in your column, and he might be overdone.

Mark Mardon
San Francisco

Dave Ford responds: *Your questions reveal an admirable reporter's instinct; have you considered a career in journalism? (Stroke mags pay especially well.)* ...*I used* two *tape recorders, so I wouldn't miss a single Marky syllable. With my free hand, I slapped —my* forehead, *in response to the perispicacity of Mr. Mark's gay-positive remarks... I don't know Don's response; ask him. But my best friend, another queer music journalist, screamed really, really,* really *loud when I relayed details... I dunno about being one with Marky in the cosmos—but like a Pavlovian idiot I drop my jeans every time I hear "Good Vibrations"* ...*Finally, a little snippet that, indeed, I didn't "share with readers," which occurred at interview's end:*

DF: Well, you sound like a real sweetheart, and I really appreciate your taking the time to talk to us.

MM: No problem. It was a pleasure talking with you.

DF: The pleasure was mine indeed, Mark—and I'll look for you when you come out here.

MM: Great. I hope that you come to the show and check it out.

DF: I certainly will.

MM: I'm looking forward to meeting you in person.

DF: I'll be there; I promise.

MM: Cool. And that's the last you'll ever hear about the buffed, briefs-displaying little rapper from me... I'm pretty *sure.*

Thar She Blows...!

You blew it val ceefee nix! I was wondering... were you born without a mind or did your parents give you a lobotomy for a high school graduation present? Gee, what a throbbing, in-depth, action-packed interview. I can not, for the life of me, imagine why Sandra Bernhard did not want to play with you or lower herself to be the healing scab on your oozing, lobotomized wound. And, hey there, *SF Bay Times*... keep up the good work. It was a move of sheer comedic genius to assign a sans le clue, mindless reporter to interview an entertainer of Sandra Bernhard's creative stature. Truly a laff riot and so liberating, aware, emotionally mature, bla-bla-bla...!

C. Swoop
San Francisco

Bernhard Takes No Prisoners

I will be disappointed but not surprised if I am in the minority who was delighted with the tele-interview (cordless interruptus?) with Sandra Bernhard. It was much more interesting than the interview with Marky Mark, but I'll admit I haven't ferreted out the intrinsic worth of pants around the knees, or photogenic penis-squeezing. Call me old-fashioned! The only question that interview left me with was: "Are we that hungry for heterosexual support, or are we just joining in on exploiting the boy's BVDs?"

Sandra has a *big* point to make when she says that "name" closet cases like Jodie Foster and Sharon Gless are left alone to add nothing of value to an industry already seriously in denial, while someone with the courage to be honest about their sexuality must put up with harassment from their "own" press over *how* out they are. Someone who plays with a gay lifestyle, like Madonna, is applauded—but a woman who isn't playing, like Sandra, is looked at askance. Throw in a menopausal terrier like Signorile, and it's enough to piss ya off. Just ask yourself: Would I have the courage to talk about lesbian sex on television, let alone at work? If we could be half as supportive to those out, and struggling, as we seem to be to those not out at all.

So, no, Sandra—I don't think you were a diva for hanging up—the interview was going nowhere, except in even smaller circles around Madonna, another gay ghetto fave. But for someone who wasn't sure who you were, I got a positive charge from the interview. Keep telling it like it is—and take no prisoners!

G. Davidson
San Jose

Invested in Labels

Val C. Phoenix may be smug that she was able to goad Sandra Bernhard into a display of anger, but she shouldn't have been surprised by it. Not only did she practically conduct an inquisition to get Ms. Bernhard to declare herself as some orientation or another, she then hounded her about Madonna.

Too many of us are so invested in our labels that we sometimes forget that they can be very one-dimensional, and that a given label is differently interpreted by individuals. In her headlong rush to nail Ms. Bernhard to the bisexual cross, Val apparently didn't pick up Sandra's clue that she doesn't give a damn about labels. "I identify as a person" was enough for me; why wasn't it enough for Val?

Finally, even after Sandra said she had nothing more to say on the subject of Madonna, your reporter kept at it. If Val is so hot on Madonna news, maybe she should get a job with *People* magazine. I don't blame Ms. Bernhard for feeling attacked or getting angry. Instead of planting barbs about "Ms. Congeniality," Val C. Phoenix should honestly examine her agenda before she does an interview.

Christine Beatty
San Francisco

Giving Till It Hurts

Through your interview with Sandra Bernhard my decision to see her new show has been validated.

Sandra is a real person.

Her reaction to your questions seemed real and natural.

I had a hard time finding the temperamental artiste you so queerly tried to provoke.

I can't wait to see her new show—the many hats, the many roles—knowing through your interview that Sandra Bernhard won't stop giving till it hurts.

Michael Rodriguez
San Francisco

Get Off Bernhard's Back!

Please let it be known that I completely agree with Sandra Bernhard on the tone and type of questioning for her interview. I have tickets for the show and thought the interview would be interesting, but... I found the questions to be very antagonistic and very stupid. Picky things, one after another. Give the woman a break. She did agree to an *interview*, not a personal vendetta against her or her personal life. I couldn't agree with Sandra more. Her last bit before she hung up says it all in a nutshell. She doesn't need this, doesn't deserve this and doesn't have to take this. She's done nothing wrong and doesn't need to live up to Val C. Phoenix's personal expectations. Get off her fucking back!

Dennis M. Hall
San Francisco

Ask the Right Thing

Val C. Phoenix asked the right questions of Sandra Bernhard. We need role models and Sandra has been frustrating us all with her on-and-off rhetoric. Phoenix finally pinned her down. Good reporting.

George Mendenhall
San Francisco

Eating Our Own

I am writing in response to Val C. Phoenix's interview with Sandra Bernhard.

Firstly I would like to know this, Val—Why do we have to eat our own? This is meant figuratively of course.

While I admit that Ms. Bernhard may be one edgy woman, she is still one of the few (who are the rest?) "Out"/Queer/Bi performers we have—as well as politically conscious. Who else have you heard say, "Three cheers for queers" on the Arsenio Hall show.

I found your style of questioning, as well as your questions, to be questionable at the least, if not downright mean spirited. I'm at a loss to understand why you zeroed in so confrontationally regarding Michelangelo Signorile and Ms. Bernhard's relationship with Madonna. That's all old news. It seems to me there were more interesting and challenging ways to go. I would have liked to ask her more about her definitions of queer and lesbian. Or maybe more about her feelings around intimacy with women,

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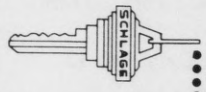

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City Politicians Discover Needle Exchange—Three Years After the Fact

BY TIM KINGSTON

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Needle exchange is *the* public health issue of the moment in San Francisco, and every self-respecting politician in town is scrambling to get on the bandwagon. Resolutions and legislation endorsing a pilot needle-exchange program are flying around City Hall like buckshot—as if the concept were discovered yesterday. "A year ago no one cared about people who are injection drug users," snapped one member of Prevention Point, San Francisco's three-year-old underground needle-exchange group. "Now everyone wants a piece of the action."

Prevention Point began in late 1989 as a lonely act of civil disobedience. It has grown into the largest needle exchange in the nation, distributing some 12,000 needles a week—no mean feat, given they are only open six hours a week. Prevention Point began with the premise that needle exchange is an extremely effective strategy to prevent HIV infection among injection drug users (IDUs).

Three years later, needle-exchange-as-prevention has finally obtained the near-unanimous support of San Francisco's public health *and* political establishments. As *SF Bay Times* goes to press, Mayor Frank Jordan has committed to signing a legislative package legalizing a City pilot needle-exchange program on Jan. 30. The legislation is based on a Department of Public Health plan to reduce HIV infection among IDUs, and is backed by the SF Health Commission and the Board of Supervisors, led by Angela Alioto. In Sacramento, state Senator Diane Watson (D-L.A.) and Speaker of the Assembly Willie Brown (D-SF) are also spearheading legislation that could legalize pilot needle-exchange programs throughout the state.

With the political tide shifting in favor of needle exchange, many of its veteran opponents, including Health Commissioner Naomi Gray and the Rev. Amos Brown, have quietly shelved their vitriolic opposition as the scientific evidence piles up. The new converts are joining long-term advocates of needle exchange: the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the Black Coalition on AIDS and the San Francisco Medical Society.

Prevention Point volunteer Jennifer Lorvick exclaims, "It is about time that the City Health Department and Health Commission took some real action to support needle exchange, [action] that is more than passive approval and telling the police not to arrest us. Those who founded Prevention Point expected to get arrested and get the issue raised through the press. Instead we ended up providing the service for three years!"

Lorvick suspects the existence of an underground program, tacitly approved by the City, was used to justify a lack of legislative action. In any case, no-arrest agreements with the SFPD have not stopped intermittent harassment and occasional busts by vigilante officers.

INSTANT ADVOCATES

So far, Supervisor Angela Alioto is the most aggressive legislative promoter of needle exchange: "I got onto it during the mayor's race, made it an issue and got Jordan to promise to sign on." Alioto has sponsored two public hearings on needle exchange. She is responsible for introducing the legislative needle-exchange package to the Board of Supervisors that passed 10-0 on Jan. 27.

Both Mayor Jordan and Alioto used needle exchange during the mayoral campaign, as a carrot to elicit progressive lesbian and gay votes. Assembly Speaker Willie Brown will probably use the topic in the same way during his upcoming electoral campaign in November. Brown is looking for an HIV issue to run on, says Rene Durazzo, SF AIDS Foundation public policy director. "This is a good one, [and] he is serving the effort well by providing concrete leadership in Sacramento."

Alioto's legislation—written by T.J. Anthony of the Jordan transition team—is a consensus effort based on the DPH plan. Alioto's legislation earmarks $150,000 for the pilot needle exchange in conjunction with $2.5 million for drug treatment programs. The legislation also encourages the City to seek private funding for the pilot program, lauds Prevention Point, and endorses state legislative needle-exchange efforts.

In addition, Alioto's legislation specifically directs the city attorney to fight any injunctions filed against the City by the state for initiating a pilot program. Never one to miss a soundbite, Alioto challenged the state attorney general at a Board of Supervisors committee meeting. "I will gladly take responsibility," said Alioto. "If Dan Lundgren comes after San Francisco, I hope he comes after me!"

The Board's endorsement of needle exchange was made possible by an earlier 6-0 vote by the Health Commission endorsing the DPH plan to reduce HIV infection among IDUs. Much to everyone's surprise, Commissioner Naomi Gray, historically a nemesis of needle exchange, supported the plan. She changed her vote because the DPH plan includes stipulations for drug treatment on demand. Gray acknowledges that her decision was both political and pragmatic. "Most of the [Health] Commissioners supported it before, so I decided I had better go along so I could have some input."

Even more of a surprise has been the total lack of negative public testimony. Rev. Amos Brown says he did not oppose the plan because, "[The DPH and Health Commission] are doing what we told them they should do...two years ago. Originally you had a maverick group going around passing out needles. Now it is a more concentrated effort and part of a comprehensive plan for treatment."

On Jan. 17, in keeping with his campaign promises, Mayor Jordan held an unprecedented meeting with Prevention Point, ACT UP/San Francisco and Golden Gate. Jordan, whose prior relationship with ACT UP has been decidedly chilly, declared, "We are on the same wavelength" about needle exchange. During the meeting Jordan promised to pursue and support both citywide and statewide needle-exchange legislation. He also sent a letter to the Health

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Commission and Board of Supervisors requesting they endorse needle exchange. Jordan even told the press that he would attempt to convince Senator Quentin Kopp (I-SF) to abandon his die-hard opposition to needle exchange. Kopp did not return *SF Bay Times* calls for comment.

STATE EFFORTS

Despite the immediacy of City legislative efforts, the real battle will take place in Sacramento. Mike Bosia, legislative aide to Senator Milton Marks, hopes the Mayor will do more than just lobby Kopp in Sacramento. "Frank Jordan's support for needle exchange can sway a lot of centrist democrats. That should be brought to his attention by activists."

For the very first time, needle-exchange legislation has a fighting chance in Sacramento; in part, because the effort is being led by Diane Watson and Willie Brown—two of the Legislature's most senior African Americans. Brown's communications director, Jim Lewis, says the Speaker has submitted a proposed bill to the legislative council. "We expect to have it back in a few days at which point the Speaker will take a look at it and give the final OK."

Watson says the bill she is steering through the Senate will grant any local health authorities the power to initiate locally controlled needle-exchange programs. The legislation was originally tailored exclusively for San Francisco, but was later expanded because health authorities in Marin, San Mateo and Berkeley also expressed interest in starting such programs.

Watson has argued with, and lobbied, opponents of needle exchange, including Gray and Rev. Brown, for several years. "We were not trying to promote the use of injection drugs. We *were* trying to stop the spread of disease by offering clean works. I felt that since IDUs were doing it anyway, and using contaminated needles, at least clean needles would stop the spread of HIV."

BREAKING THE CAMEL'S BACK, WITH A NEEDLE

No one can say for sure why the issue of needle exchange has achieved critical mass. While rank political opportunism has played a significant role, those contacted by *SF Bay Times* suggest a combination of reasons for needle exchange's sudden popularity: the burgeoning epidemic, the lack of scientific progress in fighting the virus, and a growing body of evidence showing the effectiveness of needle exchange in reducing HIV infection among IDUs.

John Watters, director of the Urban Health Study, says ongoing data indicates that "increased accessibility to syringes will reduce [needle sharing] behaviors. That will reduce infections of the virus." In particular, Watters cited a 1991 study in New Haven, Conn., analyzed by Yale University, which concluded that a needle-exchange program resulted in a "significant reduction" of the HIV rate in that city. Watters also cited a Baltimore study showing that diabetic IDUs with access to clean needles are less likely to become infected with HIV than other IDUs. Watters added that even New York City Mayor Dinkins has reopened a needle-exchange program that he shut down a year ago.

The monumental efforts of activists pushing for needle exchange must not be overlooked. "There was a lot of persistence," says Regina Aragon, AIDS Foundation state policy coordinator responsible for needle-exchange legislation. "The work of the Black Coalition on AIDS and Prevention Point has really paid off in terms of a wider understanding and recognition of the effectiveness of needle exchange."

Naomi Gray believes the final straw that broke through collective denial about HIV, was the news of Magic Johnson's status. "I think he woke up our community and our clergy," says Gray. Senator Watson says HIV infection continues to spread and asserts that in the near future another 100,000 people will develop AIDS. Many will be IDUs infected by dirty syringes and/or their sex partners. Watson says many communities, including the African American community, are now willing to give needle exchange a chance. "The data is starting to get out there. What was blind opposition has been enlightened over the years."

SHARKS IN THE WATER, ABSTINENCE ON LAND

Where there is funding, there are piranhas. City departments and nonprofit groups are jockeying for position over who will control, and therefore be funded by the City to run the pilot program. At the Jan. 21 Health Commission meeting, Dr. Pat Evans, director of research at the Bayview Hunters Point Foundation, delivered a thinly veiled sales pitch implying that Bayview deserves a portion of any pilot-program funding.

Such lobbying for newly available cash is not necessarily a bad thing, says Watters. He points out that funding availability is an incentive to attract community groups that ordinarily would not have gotten involved. Watters warns, however, that the DPH must provide leadership so the pilot program can be implemented successfully. The DPH must ensure that needle exchange "does not get chopped up in the political pork barrel of assuaging various communities," says Watters.

Due to its track record of nurturing innovative outreach and HIV prevention programs, the DPH AIDS Office is favored by many Prevention Point advocates to run the City-backed pilot exchange program. But due to political pressure, Community Substance Abuse Services (CSAS) will probably get the nod. According to Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, it is politically expedient to tie drug treatment to needle exchange. "Public resistance and public support are directly tied to getting [needle exchange] passed. It is a moral imperative. Those two issues are tied together in the eyes of the political environment."

George Staub, CSAS' HIV and substance abuse coordinator, asserts there is an absolute link between needle exchange and drug treatment that is more powerful than mere political expediency. "It is our feeling that *just* to do needle exchange would [only] delay HIV infection—not prevent it. As long as people are doing drugs, it will be more difficult to get people to do safe sex." Therefore, he says, drug treatment is essential. "We think drug addiction is an illness that people need to recover from. We think [needle exchange] should be a bridge to treatment."

George Clarke, program coordinator of Prevention Point, worries that CSAS administration of the pilot needle exchange will result in paternalistic control over IDU's. "In some ways, treatment-on-demand is migrating from treatment for those who want treatment, to *demanding* that those who go to Prevention Point *get* treatment. One of the reasons [Prevention Point is] successful is we don't have that judgment." Clarke says the group's primary mission is to give IDUs opportunities to modify risky behavior. "We want to offer IDUs a broad range of services for them to stay safe: primary health care, health education, perinatal health care, drug treatment and access to information about safe drug use."

There is a fundamental difference between how CSAS and many Prevention Point volunteers view drug use, drug treatment and needle exchange. Yvonne Fraizer of CSAS declared confidently at a Jan. 9 meeting with Prevention Point that "anyone who has ever had a needle in their arm could benefit from counseling." She later commented determinedly, "We don't need to predetermine that an [IDU] does not need treatment."

Prevention Point activists fear CSAS has a judgmental attitude toward drug users which will alienate and further drive IDUs from the health care to which needle exchange offers access. "There is a strong judgment involved in linking drug treatment and needle exchange," says Lisa Moore of Prevention Point, and immediately analogized, "I don't have to get a marriage certificate to get a condom!"

Whichever way the battle for control over a pilot needle exchange turns out, Prevention Point volunteer Meg Rodriguez says she is happy as "long as we have a steady source of funding for needles, and they don't move us off the street. I like doing street-based help and outreach because I don't have to see the client through a screen of some employer's attitudes and agendas." Street-based needle exchange does make a difference, asserts Prevention Point volunteer Lynn Wenger. "We had one man come up a couple of weeks ago. He said that he had an HIV test and it was negative because of Prevention Point."

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The Brits Aren't Buying: Selling Dr. Roka's "Secret" Herbal AIDS Treatment

BY TIM KINGSTON

Alarm bells are going off all over London among AIDS activists and researchers. Why? Advanced Biological Systems (ABS) is gearing up to market and clinically test Dr. Roka's secret anti-HIV plant-extract treatment there. Nick Partridge, director of the Terence Higgins Trust, Britain's largest AIDS organization, met ABS representative Elias Platikas and ABS medical advisor Howard Greenspan in mid-December and was not impressed. "It was a bunch of crap!" exclaims Partridge.

"The way they presented it fell very much into line with others who have been trying to make a fast buck out of AIDS," says Partridge. He says the ABS presentation was very "slick," but it left him and others present uneasy: "This was a very dodgy sales pitch. We felt that we were dealing with another group of people misusing alternative treatments for their own financial gain."

Then Jeff Henning, also at the meeting, says Greenspan contacted him on Jan. 6 to say ABS was trying to organize clinical trials involving British AIDS researchers. But ABS's "independent" medical advisor, speaking anonymously, states those negotiations were "on hold" as of Jan. 26.

Dr. Roka has treated dozens of American PWAs in Switzerland, using his drugs Rovital and Carciviren. (See *SF Bay Times* "Cure or Quackery," Oct. 24, 1991.) Treatments cost about $3,300 per person. ABS, which is backing Dr. Roka's treatment to the tune of $2 million, has obtained exclusive world-wide marketing rights on the product. As *SF Bay Times* goes to press, rumors are circulating that Dr. Roka has sold his interest in the drugs to ABS. But no confirmation, or denial, was available from the company.

Still, no rigorous scientific evidence on the efficacy of Dr. Roka's treatment exists. ABS contends that in "most cases" patients have had "significant remission of AIDS symptoms." However, many U.S. AIDS researchers and physicians are deeply suspicious of such claims, saying several of those treated have already died. Anecdotal evidence from eight patients contacted by *SF Bay Times* appears to indicate some improvement in the health of those who have taken the treatment, and many patients vehemently endorse its efficacy.

"What I am wondering is, Where is the hard evidence?" says Dr. Peter Scott, editor of the U.K. AIDS Manual, who was also at the mid-December meeting with ABS. "If so many have done so well, why is there not a flood of well-documented evidence? We recommended they could not do treatments like this without a trial, and we recommended a trial at St. Stephens [Hospital]."

Illustration by Andrea Kassof

Meanwhile, ABS is planning to open a six-physician clinic in the near future in the heart of London's premier medical district. According to Paul Mortensen, ABS vice president and director of information services, ABS is trying to rent space in the Harley Street district and is transferring its international operations from Switzerland to London.

According to a Nov. 26 press release, ABS wants to conduct clinical trials of Rovital and Carciviren in London, providing the drug free of charge to participants in the trial. But Partridge doubts that will happen. He says he was told by ABS that the company was *not* willing to provide the drug free of charge to protocol participants, as is normal in drug trials. Partridge further alleges ABS declined to have Dr. Roka's drug analyzed in England, citing worry about patent disclosure.

Since then, sources close to ABS say that preliminary negotiations have begun with Dr. Brian Gazzard, AIDS co-ordinator at Westminster Hospital in London, to conduct clinical trials of the Rovital treatment. But when *SF Bay Times* contacted Dr. Gazzard for confirmation, he responded emphatically via fax: "I have no intention at present of doing clinical trials with Rovital. I have seen no data of efficacy or toxicity. I hear indirectly that they are setting up a private clinic in London in which I would NOT be a part."

Efforts by *SF Bay Times* to contact Dr. Roka have been unsuccessful. According to ABS and an individual at Dr. Roka's Swiss clinic, the doctor is now in London.

ANTI-VIRAL... WHAT ANTI-VIRAL?

Secrecy abounds. Apart from saying that the drugs are based on plant extracts, Dr. Roka refuses to reveal the ingredients of Rovital or Carciviren. In documents provided to the *SF Bay Times*, Dr. Roka claims his treatment is effective against CMV and other herpes virii—and implies that the treatment is effective against HIV. Mortensen argues that the treatment leads to "dramatic weight gain, revitalization, [and] remission of secondary infections" in HIV, but he now stresses it should be seen as "a treatment" rather than "a cure."

American AIDS researchers have been itching to get hold of Dr. Roka's product, to see if it has any antiviral properties. When Dr. Gabriel Torres, a medical consultant to Gay Men's Health Crises, and Dr. Charles Farthing, an AIDS researcher at New York University, finally located a sample, they promptly sent it to the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and a private lab in New Jersey for analysis.

The New Jersey lab found no evidence of antiviral activity against HIV, says Dr. Torres. The lab also did a 'high pressure liquid chromatography' test, which revealed that Rovital is not a protein, but may be a sugar or a lipid. "We don't know what it is," says Dr. Torres.

Rovital also showed no antiviral activity against HIV when tested by a senior researcher at the NCI. "We used a very high dose of the virus and

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highly sensitive T-cells," says the researcher, speaking off the record. "AZT and ddI easily cleared the test, but the Roka drug did not pass." He is reluctant to become enmeshed in a battle over the drug, but does say, "I don't like PWAs to use their last money for a compound that does not work."

Mortensen dismissed the NCI researcher's work. "I don't have to respond to something that he won't stand behind. Make him stand up, and I will have our people respond." But ABS's "independent" medical advisor, who contacted the NCI researcher, asserts Rovital is an immune stimulator that boosts anti-HIV activity within T-cells: "There is no way you can measure that in a test tube. You have to go to a culture of infected T-cells, within a medical model."

The NCI researcher agreed his test could not detect such activity, but pointed out that all indirect immune stimulators tested in humans so far have failed.

CLINICAL TRIALS

ABS is currently funding toxicity trials and a double-blind placebo-control trial in Jamaica. Mortensen says preliminary animal toxicity trials have shown no serious toxicity, and that human trials will begin "as soon as possible after Feb. 1." Mortensen also says that ABS is anxious to get human clinical trials started in Jamaica to prove, once and for all, the efficacy of Dr. Roka's treatment, and provide real, rather than anecdotal, data.

Dr. Patricia Burke, principal investigator for the ABS human trials at the University of the West Indies, Jamaica, did not return calls for comment. Dr. Manley West, chair of the University of the West Indies' Department of Pharmacology, says he recommends that limited human clinical toxicity trials begin soon, even though not all the preparatory toxicity trials are complete. Dr. West declined to speculate on the progress of the trials, their size or when they will be finished, and he referred all other questions to ABS.

PATIENTS VERSUS DOCTORS?

Physicians and researchers contacted by the *SF Bay Times* were, at best, neutral and often openly hostile to the Roka treatment. In contrast, seven of the eight patients contacted who have taken the drug remain enthusiastic. They continue using the drug despite the fact that several of those who have taken the treatment have since died.

The president of New York Physicians For Human Rights, Dr. Howard Grossman, who says he has developed a nose for ineffective treatments in the ten years he has cared for people with AIDS, is unrepentently antagonistic to Dr. Roka's treatment. "You have a drug where they won't tell you what is in it and where they have been too busy to do standard clinical trials. They always say that. Why is it everyone else has a chance to do standard clinical trials?"

Dr. Grossman says he is not surprised that many people feel better after going on Dr. Roka's treatment, as it requires patients to halt most other drugs for AIDS. "A lot of the drugs that we give [for HIV and opportunistic infections] are very heavy duty with a lot of side effects. If you take someone off them they may feel better, but in the long term they will do worse. You take someone off AZT, they feel better—but they die faster," says Dr. Grossman.

In New York, Dr. Michael Mullen and Dr. Michael Lang have both treated or known about people who have taken the Roka treatment. When *SF Bay Times* spoke to both physicians in October 1991, they both had an open mind on Roka's therapy.

"I have changed my opinion," says Dr. Mullen, who used to say if all other avenues have failed, and if it was not a financial burden, then go ahead and try Dr. Roka. But now, "I would not do that. I would convince them not to go." Dr. Mullen has treated four PWAs who have done Dr. Roka's treatment: two are dead, one is in the hospital, and one is stable. "Physicians in the city talk," says Dr. Mullen. "The general consensus is: Close to 100 percent of physicians in New York feel this is not an acceptable alternative treatment."

Dr. Lang still feels it is too early to make a final judgment. He was told by Dr. Roka that at least six months must pass for a patient's blood work to show improvement. Dr. Lang says that those he treats, or knows of, have only been on Roka's therapy four or five months. Although Dr. Lang still sits on the fence, he opposes Dr. Roka's instruction that patients with less than 200 T-cells should go off most prophylaxis.

Richard Nabhan, a New York resident who has taken the Roka treatment, says, "Within a week I started feeling much better, and within three weeks I had gained ten pounds. My energy is back to before when I had HIV. For the last couple of years I have been falling asleep at 10 pm." Now, Nabhan says, he goes to sleep later and wakes up earlier. Nabhan also says he had MAI when he left for Zurich, but it cleared up after Roka's treatment. But Nabhan is still taking clarithromycin to prevent MAI. His T-cell count of seven stayed constant before and after treatment.

Nabhan's experience is similar to other patients contacted by *SF Bay Times* who have been on the drug for three months to a year. They report increased energy levels, relatively constant T-cells, and weight gain. Some have since suffered from bouts of opportunistic infections that were then treated with conventional medications. With one exception, all felt optimistic about Dr. Roka's treatment.

ABS's "independent" advisor suggests that Dr. Roka's therapy is least effective for those in the worst health. He says that the treatment is more effective when a patient's T-cell count is higher, in the same way that AZT and ddI are more effective as early intervention therapies.

"Personally I am not overwhelmed by my response," to the treatment, says one New York patient. He adds, "A lot of people that I have referred to Roka come back; and they continue to get worse. I have not seen conclusive evidence that this treatment helps people. I don't know if they are being helped or hurt."

No one will know until definitive trial data comes through, but that New York patient warns the company to tread carefully. "They will be scrutinized very hard by those who have seen charlatans come and go in the past. Maybe it is just that [ABS] is a little too aggressive in some ways." But then aggression, like beauty, is often in the eye of the beholder. Stay tuned.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

NAMBLA: Community Or Criminal?

With the sensationalized reports that KRON TV has aired on NAMBLA, the gay/lesbian/bisexual community has been thrust into a debate—and has emerged extremely polarized on the issue. SF Bay Times *presents a sampling of letters we have received on the subject in this Community Forum.*

KRON Witch Hunt

The remarks by Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's Holly Conley denouncing KRON-TV's attack on the North American Man/Boy Love Association as "yellow journalism" ("Channel 4 Attacks NAMBLA's 1st Amendment Rights," Jan. 16) are in marked contrast to the comments aired by KRON from Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg and GLAAD's own Gregg Hullender.

Achtenberg and Hullender took advantage of the platform offered by KRON to try to exclude NAMBLA from the gay community. Neither evinced any interest in denouncing the station's tabloid-TV tactics—which, from all accounts included planting a hidden camera, using an undercover cointelpro-style agent provocateur, and disrupting NAMBLA's meeting—or in the more important issue of the First Amendment rights of people to meet in a public meeting place.

Instead their remarks were politically expedient, designed to reassure straight parents who have fallen victim to KRON's launch of a moral panic.

It looks like Achtenberg and GLAAD have forgotten their roots. The drag queens and young people at Stonewall who fought for our liberation 22 years ago were not icons of respectability. In their day, they were as much the target of sensational news media exposes as NAMBLA is now.

It's not difficult to fathom GLAAD and Achtenberg's motives: Achtenberg is an elected official and GLAAD is on the payroll of Hollywood, having recently accepted a six-figure grant from Fox Inc. and MCA/Universal to hold educational seminars within the film industry.

Whatever GLAAD and Achtenberg's views on the merits of controversial groups like NAMBLA, they have no business deciding who is or is not part of the gay community. As such, their cooperation with KRON's witch hunt is repugnant.

Mark McHarry
San Francisco

Disgusting

J.C. Purdue's Jan. 16 piece on the latest NAMBLA flap was a bit more balanced and a bit less hysterical than the predictable knee-jerk reactions I've seen elsewhere (most notably a *B.A.R.* editorial). But, aside from some lip service of the well-I-guess-we're-against-sex-with-kids variety, nobody seems willing to say, unequivocally, that NAMBLA is disgusting and is not welcome as part of our community. Yes, they have First Amendment rights and the right to assemble, and so on. And as someone who worked in the media for some time, I'd certainly agree that Channel 4's expose was sleazy, sensationalistic and smugly self-righteous (in other words, it was just like most local TV news—and it isn't even sweeps month yet). But why must it always be our responsibility to come to the rescue when this bunch gets into hot water?

NAMBLA likes to portray itself as just representing another sexual minority. But we're not talking about guys who like Asians or short men or hairy chests. NAMBLA is not harmless. There is no *excuse* for having sex with a 5-year-old; no amount of rationalization makes such activity legitimate. It is absolutely nauseating that, year after year, we have allowed this group to hitch their wagon to our struggle, to march in our parades, and to cry "homophobia" every time they are (justifiably) hassled for whom they choose to love—they're *pedophiles*, for Chrissakes!

On the Thursday installment of KRON's series, when they finally got around to pointing out that most pedophiles are heterosexual, they also interviewed Roberta Achtenberg. They fished around, trying to get her to admit that NAMBLA is not a gay group. Reporter Greg Lyon, looking for a scoop, obviously hoped she'd denounce them. She seemed afraid to condemn them outright (which she could probably have done eloquently and unashamedly—she's a mother). Our leaders should be denouncing NAMBLA in no uncertain terms; if they had been doing this all along, the question of whether or not a series like KRON's is anti-gay would be moot. Treat NAMBLA like the pariah it deserves to be. A good first step: "disinviting" them to the Gay Freedom Day Parade (let them sue).

We have spent the last 25 years trying to negate the ugly stereotype that all gays are child molesters. You cannot do that *and* at the same time embrace a group of pedophiles as members of the community. It's one or the other, and it's about time we made that choice—loudly and clearly.

Mike Schaefer
San Francisco

See the Bigger Picture

KRON-TV's coverage of NAMBLA's meeting in the library, complete with hidden video camera, was despicable on many levels. I am reminded of pre-liberation days when the names of patrons arrested in raids on gay or lesbian bars were published in local newspapers and employers were informed. I am also reminded of the tactics of the Nazis, who initially targeted groups on the fringes of society, like the Gypsies and the gays. When there was little public outcry, the Nazis were inspired to go after bigger fish: an age-old blueprint for repression.

These big brother tactics—whether instigated by the government or by the media—alarm me at a time when the United States finds itself without a viable foreign enemy. What's a war machine to do? Step up domestic surveillance and foment trouble, I fear.

We must vigilantly resist any chipping away at the First Amendment. I don't care if the nature of NAMBLA gives a lot of people the creeps. What's most important is that they were meeting peaceably and breaking no laws. Those who would prevent NAMBLA from meeting make few distinctions. As much difficulty as mainstream lesbians and gays have with NAMBLA, a lot of heterosexuals have with all lesbians and gays.

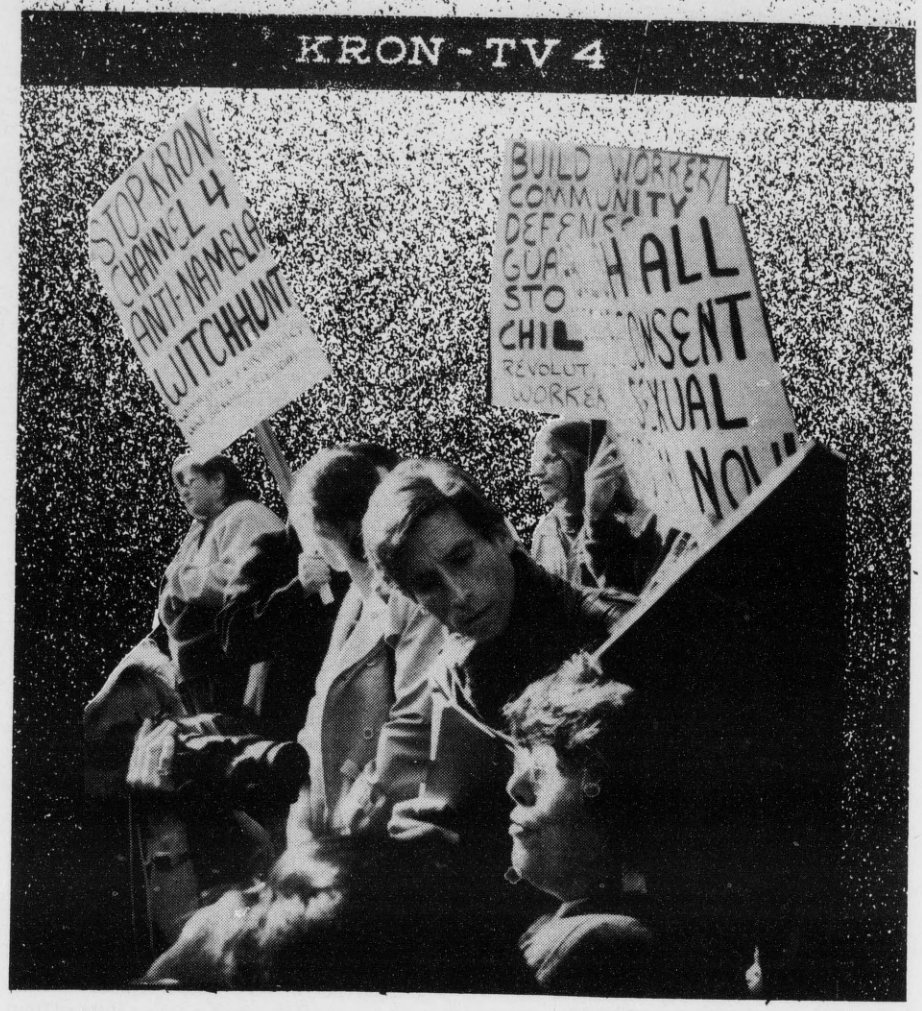
What upset me the most were the lesbians and gays who went to great lengths to distance themselves from NAMBLA. They went beyond "We're the good queers, they're the bad queers." They said NAMBLA wasn't even part of the community. Since when have there been membership requirements? If someone is lesbian or gay-identified, they're part of the community, whether I like them or not.

I bet most lesbians and gays wish NAMBLA would just go away. But there is a better way to deal with the issue than to join our enemies in condemning NAMBLA. I would suggest two strategies: emphasizing our diversity and taking the offensive. Drive home the point that no one element—be it NAMBLA or the Golden Gate Business Association—represents the community. Point out the homophobia implicit in trying to lump us all together. They want to talk about child abuse. Shine the spotlight on their house. One in three girls and one in five boys is repeatedly molested by members of their own family!

Condemn the yellow journalism and blatant homophobia of *Chronicle*-owned KRON. They knew full well the damage they were doing—spotlighting an unpopular fringe element in a way that was designed to fragment our community and embarrass our leaders. They held the stereotype of gays as child molesters over our heads and too many of us fell over ourselves trying to dodge the label—or were struck dumb.

In the early days of the movement, transvestites and leather people were considered an embarrassment. When the first "Gay Rights" bill in the country was stalled in New York City's legislature, an amendment was introduced to exclude transvestites, with the hope that the bill would be more palatable to the fence-sitters. I was proud that the Gay Activists Alliance, the main force behind the bill, voted after long debate to *actively oppose* all gay rights legislation that excluded any segment of our community.

It is that kind of solidarity that is called for at a time like this. I recognize that there is a difference between those who challenge the concept of gender-appropriate clothing, or those who explore the boundaries between pleasure and pain, and those who



question the concept of age of consent. But the difference—that the latter involves the taboo subject of the sexuality of minors—is far less important than the fact that there are hateful opportunists out there who are trying to exploit this issue to compromise the rights of everyone—gay and straight alike. Resist the urge to point a finger at what makes you uncomfortable and see the bigger picture.

No matter how much we protest and try to distance ourselves from the likes of NAMBLA, it won't work. In the popular mind, we are all one and the same. So, practically speaking, we can gain the most by focusing on the First Amendment issue, and loudly decrying the witch hunters.

I have always been proud of our community for its educability. Over the years we have learned the importance of accepting our many diverse components. When the drag queens and S/M men and women pointed out the parallel between how they were treated within the lesbian and gay community and how all queers were treated by the straight world, most of us were enlightened. It is far less a question of sharing—or even understanding—the interests of others than it is of recognizing the importance—and the self-interest—of protecting differences. Nothing good can come from stifling the free exchange of ideas.

So don't let them manipulate us into doing their dirty work. Don't be afraid to speak out against repressive tactics. I, for one, will not buy the *Chronicle* anymore. Perhaps, if they felt the rage of our community in diminished sales, they would be less likely to employ such slimy tactics. Boycott, anyone?

Naphtali Offen
San Francisco

Criminals

Concerning the recent controversy over NAMBLA:

It has bothered me for a long time that this group has been more or less tolerated in the gay community. People who advocate and practice sex with children are criminals! They don't belong in our community and they don't belong in the Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade! When I called the offices of the parade committee to express my views, I was told that they "don't have the right to set policy," and that "any group who wishes can join in." Shortly afterward at work, I was asked by a co-worker what my views were regarding NAMBLA, and he seemed genuinely surprised that as a gay person I would be concerned with the rights of children!

It seems to me that NAMBLA has the potential to do some very real damage to us as gays and lesbians, as well as to children! Or am I the only one concerned with this?

Lisa Feinstein
Palo Alto

Toward Understanding

Dear NAMBLA,

As a lesbian, as a child who experienced sex with adults, and as someone who has no desire to disown any members of the gay community, I ask you to read this with an open, objective mind.

The gay community, like all minority communities, has always been composed of the full spectrum of humanity. That's why I like the rainbow flag as a symbol. We have murderers as well as martyrs, alcoholics as well as wine collectors. It doesn't do us any good to deny them.

In fact, when we single out a part we don't like and try to reject it, we end up rejecting ourselves. Because what one is capable of, we are all capable of—given the right circumstances. And, having started this weeding, we find ourselves removing more and more that we don't like, until we are left without a community.

By accepting all the parts we find love, understanding and solutions to our shared pain and suffering. It isn't easy, working the jagged edge of controversy, but it is the only place where we can find truth.

About 20 years ago, NAMBLA, you associated yourselves with the gay movement, loudly contending that sex with boys was a natural homosexual behavior, was good for both parties and that research would prove you right. And yet, as far as I can tell, it hasn't.

When I first heard about the flap over your meetings I was reminded of the Flat Earth Society, an international organization currently dedicated to proving that the earth is really flat. Like the Flat Earthers, your position seemed hopelessly outdated and grossly misinformed. I thought people would recognize this, have a good laugh and tell you to go check your facts.

Instead, they've started to fall for your old tactics again: cloud the core issue with inflammatory First Amendment arguments. If that fails, cry "persecution!" or "witch hunt!" and cite the gay communi-

ty. It's like yelling "fire!" in a theater. Their knee-jerk memories of midnight raids can usually be counted on to provoke an immediate response. But it's one thing to raid a gay bar, and quite another to raid, say, a drug den.

I want to remind you that it wasn't the media who tried to turn this into a gay issue: it was you who told KRON to talk to the gay community. Your representative told KRON you are a gay organization and you are being witch-hunted because you're gay. Never mind that you advocate sex with boys.

Again, please be assured: I don't mind if you're gay. I'm not going to disown you or suggest anyone else do so, either. On the other hand, I don't want you to get everyone so worked up over the "gay" issue that they forget the real topic.

The real topic is *behavior.* You teach men how to get away with having sex with boys without getting caught by printing "how to" articles in your publication and by sharing practical techniques at your meetings.

It is your *behavior* in teaching this, not your possibly gay orientation that is in question. To rephrase it, it's not who you are, it's *what you're doing.* I have the same concern with *any* human—regardless of race, gender, age, religious or political affiliation—who advocates having sex with boys or who teaches ways of doing so.

This is a golden opportunity for the community to open a dialogue with you. Why are you insisting it's a good idea? Is it so you can justify your behavior, or do you have some evidence to present? Let's get together to examine the studies, the research. Let's talk to adults willing to share their childhood experience of sex with adults, their first-hand knowledge and ideas. What do they have to say?

Did you know there is evidence that acting on these inclinations is harmful for the adult?

Instead of creating a fracas, let's follow this through to the end in search of a caring resolution for us all. It will help us reach the understanding and acceptance we need in order to be a whole community. As a whole, we are both the sum of our parts and greater than the sum of those parts.

I invite you to join with the rest of the gay community in sponsoring an unbiased Open Forum on this issue as soon as possible. One that includes qualified experts on all sides of the problem and responsible members of not just the gay community but all communities. This is a broad issue that affects everyone, not just gays.

Wendy Hays
San Francisco

NOT Gay

Has the gay press gone crazy? KRON-TV's report on the North American Man/Boy Love Association is no more of an anti-gay "witch hunt" than the exposure of the Iran-Contra scandal was an anti-Republican "witch hunt."

I can't believe that the gay press continues to buy NAMBLA propaganda that it is a "gay organization"; obviously, the gay press—and other NAMBLA supporters—cannot tell the difference between homosexuality and pedophilia.

Homosexuality and pedophilia are two totally separate and distinct sexual orientations. Pedophilia is a sexual orientation exclusively toward children—most often pre-pubescent children—by adults. Pedophilia makes no regard to the gender of the children (80 percent of pedophiles are attracted to girls; 10 percent to boys; 10 percent to both).

It is time for the gay press and NAMBLA's supporters to wake up and face the reality that NAMBLA is not an organization of gay men—it is an organization of pedophiles. That NAMBLA is not a gay organization is made all the more obvious by the fact that there is no NAWGLA—North American Woman/Girl Love Association—and that the lesbian community (especially those lesbians who are mothers) is more hostile toward NAMBLA than mainstream society.

It's ironic that while the gay press screams "anti-gay witch hunt!" about KRON's expose of NAMBLA, the mainstream press went out of its way to make a clear distinction between gay men and pedophiles, referring to NAMBLA as a pedophile, NOT gay, organization.

I suggest that, for once, the gay press protested too much.

Dion B. Sanders
Berkeley

Freedom for Boy Lovers

Shame on us if our lesbian/gay voices remain silent while our NAMBLA brothers are persecuted once again, and shame on those lesbians and gay men who will raise their voices to condemn NAMBLA, insisting that boy lovers (and presumably the boys they love and who love them) are not part of this thing called the lesbian/gay community. Shame on GLAAD especially for selling NAMBLA down the river. For GLAAD to say that the persecution of NAMBLA is not a gay issue is an act of cowardice that at the very least denies the existence of gays under the legal age of 18.

NAMBLA deserves the support of at least those San Francisco queers who call themselves radicals or progressives, for the people in NAMBLA represent perhaps the most radical among us. A boy lover who acts upon his desires lives with the day-to-day threat of very real persecution by the state (and the media)—surveillance, arrest, imprisonment. Boys in relationships with men risk losing their freedom as well, being dragged through an ugly legal process that supposedly exists to protect them. The rest of us it seems have forgotten, or have never known, what it means for our sex to be illegal, but it was, and of course in many places it still is.

I wouldn't expect any mainstream assimilationist gay voices to be heard in defense of NAMBLA—too much respectability at stake—and I don't expect the gay press to come out swinging for NAMBLA either. After all, the group held its national conference here in November and precious little mention of it appeared in the gay press. The *B.A.R.* ran a paragraph about the Women's Building statement: that they regretted having leased space to NAMBLA. No dialogue appeared in the *B.A.R.* about the issues around man-boy love; no insights into what NAMBLA's purpose and goals might be. The *Sentinel* ran nothing at all (big surprise).

I attended that conference as a field research project for a City College Gay Studies course in anthropology. What I found there surprised me. The group has perhaps the most comprehensive and well-defined philosophical and political stands, outlined within their constitution, of any lesbian/gay group I've seen. My preconceptions about NAMBLA representing the predatory desires of older men at the expense of young people were proved unfounded. The discussions I heard at the conference centered around the empowerment of youth, not exploitation, and the group is considered left/radical enough to have attracted the attention and support of the RWL. Unlike what KRON's Pete Wilson (homophobe of the century) would have us believe, NAMBLA is not a support group for molesters. The people in NAMBLA that I met are more concerned with the intellectual and emotional health and freedom of children than any heterosexual parents I've ever known. What NAMBLA does do is pursue a political end to age-of-consent laws, and a moral ideal that elevates children and youth beyond the status of property.

It would be pointless to discuss the nature (cause?) of the sexual attraction of a man for a boy/youth. None of us really understands the nature of desire, and it's hardly the issue here unless we're willing to brand sexual attraction to children "abnormal," an idea that should make any self-respecting queer shudder. And of course, it's just a giant lie to claim that children aren't sexual.

There is no question that the potential exists for a man to take advantage of a boy, sexually or otherwise. The power dynamic in an adult-child relationship is obviously not even. This is a topic that is openly and exhaustively discussed within NAMBLA. Mainstream social mores, and indeed the law, assume that any sexual relationship with a "child" is necessarily coercive/abusive. Just like that slob of a KRON reporter, mainstream culture equates sex with force and penetration. Well, sex with a five-year-old doesn't have to mean fucking him—and the age of consent in California is 18, not 6. Real abuse of children no doubt occurs within our community as it does in the straight world, though to a vastly lesser degree. However, age of consent laws, laws that define children as property, and the denial of a youth's sexuality does nothing to prevent real abuse—which we all know occurs mostly within the nuclear family.

Discussions about the real issue, consent—including whether it is even possible between an adult and child—are discussions that I have heard only within NAMBLA. Discussions about the liberation of youth from an oppressive society and oppressive families are discussions I have heard only within NAMBLA. A sad byproduct of the assimilationist fear of being labeled "child molesters" is that the lesbian/gay community has largely turned its back on lesbian and gay youth.

We are so quick to buy into the morality of the straight world when it comes to children, yet no one who considers himself or herself a progressive or radical should accept *any* mainstream position on *anything* without challenging it. The most I can hope for is that you will find out for yourselves who NAMBLA is and what they stand for. The lesbian/gay community should know better than to buy the garbage the straight media feeds us—especially about ourselves.

While I can in no way claim to be a spokesperson for NAMBLA (I am not in fact a boy lover) I was, in my early 20s, confronted with the sexual curiosity of an 8-year-old boy. I am haunted to this day by the knowledge that I did harm to that boy by deflecting his curious advances so sternly. What might have been an innocent exploration of his own sexuality in a nurturing environment was turned into a hurtful experience of confusion, pain, rejection. If he has turned out, some ten years later, to be a well adjusted gay man (or straight), it is with no help from me.

I had to become a member of NAMBLA in order to attend the November conference. It is one membership I intend to keep current, for I understand the importance of defending the least common denominator among us, as the morality of '80s right-wing fringe groups becomes institutionalized public policy for the '90s. When boy lovers and the boys who love them are free, surely the rest of us will be.

Steve Hanson
San Francisco

P.S. Harvey Milk had a 16-year-old lover.

Pedophilia vs. Homosex

In regard to the Jan. 16 article entitled "Channel 4 Attacks NAMBLA's 1st Amendment Rights," we are concerned about the mixed use of two *separate* concepts: Pedophilia and Homosexuality.

Historically, homosexuals have been assumed to be pedophiles and child molesters, which has given society every excuse to hate and discriminate against us at will. This myth has also been a major blockade to our attaining child custody and parenting rights.

Statistics from police records show overwhelmingly that children are molested by heterosexual men and that the majority of these victims are female.

Many lesbian and gay people work *for* child protection, to provide healthy environments for all children to grow emotionally strong and loved, whether they are straight or gay. However, the news media has failed to cover these efforts, since it is an unsensational topic, not conducive to higher ratings.

The point here is that pedophilia and homosexuality are not the same, and pedophilia is not a gay issue, any more than it is a straight issue. The gay community needs to be very careful which issues we espouse as "gay issues," so as not to go backwards in educating the public to our true gay identity.

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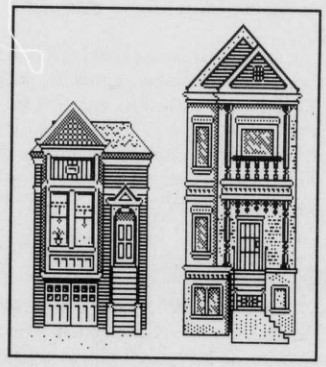

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Nice Enough

San Francisco Examiner jazz/pop critic Philip Elwood seems like a nice enough guy. His writing style is entirely user-friendly: Unable to complete a thought in a recent critique (the same thing that happens to MTV-zapped sprites a quarter his age), he sputtered, "Well, you get the idea." His ramshackle reviews are characterized by an avuncular amiability that, if intellectually bankrupt, suggests an anachronistic, porch-sitting sensibility notably lacking among today's style-section postmodern deconstructionists.

All of which may or may not account for Elwood's curious take on the "high tech" rock musical "Nightdreams," which was by all accounts a bombastic mess (it recently played at the Marines Memorial Theater). The musical followed a straight, 38-year-old character named Rick during a long night of soul-searching. Elwood's Jan. 15 review lambasted the show as overloud (a typical Elwoodian lament), unintelligible and badly miked, then lodged this bizarre complaint: "...much of [the] choreography is of the Michael Jackson crotch-grabbing variety; this is essentially a gay show, in case you hadn't figured that out."

Elwood concluded the review five grafs later thus: "There's a lot of leather around, and muscular hunks—[Steve] Merritt choreographed the Chippendales, after all." Does Elwood think Chippendale dancers are gay? Did it not matter that "Rick" was straight? Elwood's logic is impenetrable, strange and—well, you get the idea.

NICE ENOUGH GAL

Swollen-salaried *New York Newsday* dirt-disher Liz Smith seems like a nice enough gal. She's not afraid to write, as she did last Oct. 24, that Ann Margaret's Radio City Music Hall show was "spectacular," that "at 50, she makes 25 look ridiculous,", that the show featured "A-M's cleavage, A-M's mane of hair, A-M's body beautiful—all tossed about most fetchingly," and that A-M "pouts, bumps and grinds just like she did in 'Viva Las Vegas'—and she gets away with it!" (This is essentially a gay columnist, in case you hadn't figured that out.)

More recently, Smith proved she can take on homophobes with Signorilean vigor: "Mel Gibson is divine onscreen. It is awful to find out that mentally he lives in the Dark Ages," she began her Jan. 15 column (syndicated in the *SF Chron* and the *LA Times*, among other major dailies), in which she lambasted the putatively handsome, virulently homophobic action-adventure actor for his recent anti-gay remarks to a Spanish magazine.

So why is the cosmetically altered, twice-divorced scribe so defensive in her February 1992 *Playboy* interview? When reporter David Sheff asks about "proponents of outing...who have targeted you as a closeted homosexual," Smith barks: "I think they're terrible. I think they're terrorists. I don't think they have any ideology or sincerity... They say I should be a role model. Who the fuck are *they*? I don't want to be anybody's role model... I'm not obligated to respond or answer their questions about their mythical ideas about my sex life... I'm not their creature, whatever they may think."

When Sheff asks whether she'd expose, say, a famous dress designer she knew was gay but married, Smith snaps: "That's not what I do. I don't tell on people."

NICE ENOUGH WOMAN

Actress Sharon Stone seems like a nice enough woman. In fact, Mel "It Would Be Hard To Take Me For Something Like That" Gibson and Liz "I Am *Not* One!" Smith should take note: The costar of the upcoming *Basic Instinct* (the filming of which prompted gay activist demos here last year) tells the Jan.-Feb. 1992 *Movieline* that she wanted the French kiss between her and her onscreen lesbian lover to be passionate and realistic.

On the ball, out to lunch, in the swim, up to snuff, below par, above average, and a record-breaking snowfall.

Sharon Stone

"Too many times, homosexual love scenes in film or theater are done in safe, unrealistic ways," Stone tells reporter Stephen Rebello. "I wanted a scene that wasn't some sick male fantasy, but an example of people who live together and are in love, as in, 'I want to smell your skin, look into your eyes, taste the way you taste.' "

NICE ENOUGH BLOKE

Actress Mick Jagger seems like a nice enough bloke. The costar of the stupendously wretched *Freejack*—who, in his spare time, is a miserly, money-grubbing rock star—sounds, in Stephen Schiff's February 1992 *Vanity Fair* profile, like the kind of dude who knows how to party.

Says a Jagger friend: "You're staying with Mick and Jerry [Hall] in France, and everyone comes down to dinner in drag, and it's just huge fun. Masses of people sort of screaming, running in and out of each other's bedrooms, applying makeup to the boys. The English and the Irish—because he adores the mad Irish—love to do this. It's wild upper-class house-party behavior. It's nothing kinky or sexual."

Jagger's couture secrets? Another friend says Mick was "terribly dashing one night in a tight black shift and a ratty silver-fox fur. He was so chic, he looked like Coco Chanel."

Well, there *was* that rumor a couple of years back about Jagger and David Bowie starring in an update of *Some Like It Hot*. Perhaps Mel Gibson could play the Marilyn Monroe part.

NICE ENOUGH CREEP

Arch-conservative, gay-hating, Dark-Ages-dwelling former columnist and current presidential candidate Patrick J. Buchanan seems like a nice enough creep—though his idea of drag stops, the Jan. 15 *New York Times* reports, at "a Hermes tie."

Actually, the idea of Buchanan—who recently called Deng Xiaoping an "85-year-old chain-smoking Communist dwarf"—as a nice enough *anything* evaporates on contact: Ace reporter Maureen Dowd's *Times* profile notes that when a Dartmouth student asked Buchanan if he still thinks AIDS is "God's retribution" on gays, "Mr. Buchanan won over the college crowd by asserting that he had never written that in a column, adding frostily, 'I don't believe any individual knows the mind of God, my friend.' "

Dowd continues: "But what Mr. Buchanan did not say was that he had written a column calling AIDS 'nature's retribution' against homosexuals. Asked about this later, Mr. Buchanan conceded that he wrote and believes this."

Buchanan is currently giving George Bush a run for the money in the New Hampshire Republican primary, where his '50s-ish "America First" agenda appeals to recession-bled voters. If there's an explanation for Buchanan's pugilistic conservative sensibility, it partly lies in what Dowd calls "the values and mores he grew up with in the cloistered world of 1950s middle-class Catholicism, days of Latin Masses and disciplinarian fathers who took off their leather belts to deal with smart-mouthed children..."

Buchanan's father had his sons hit a basement punching bag four times a week, 100 times with each fist. Dowd reports that the Buchanan brothers were subsequently "spoken of among Washington Catholic high school students with the same awe and fear with which Romanian peasants spoke of vampires."

The Jan. 27 *Newsweek* reports that as a Nixon speechwriter, Buchanan's 1972 campaign memos included suggestions that the Nixon team leak word that one of George McGovern's major financial backers was gay. Buchanan also suggested a young aide rig a tainted "contribution" from the campaign of Democrat Ed Muskie—to the Gay Liberation Front.

This is not an essentially gay-supportive man, in case you hadn't already figured that out.

NICE ENOUGH YOUNG MAN

Bohemia, New York, high school student Billy Walker, 17, seems like a nice enough young man. Until he talks about gays; then he sounds like Patrick Buchanan.

The Jan. 20 *Parade* asked Walker, Renato Migliozzi, 18, Linda Qualglio, 17, and Chris Angelo, 17, if they had gay friends. Walker: "I wouldn't. I don't like them. If one of my friends told me he was gay, I would still be friends with him, but I wouldn't just go up to someone who was gay and be friends with him. I don't know if I could respect him." Adds Migliozzi: "You have to watch out."

Qualglio suggests a gay friend wouldn't hit on a straight one, to which Walker replies, "But he might try to turn you [gay]." Angelo, however, shows a level head: "People are people, one way or another. What they do on their own, sexually, that's their own business." The four debate whether or not they'd get hit on (says Migliozzi, "Like we're driving around in the car, you're looking over, you're like, whoa, you know?"), then decide it'd be okay to know someone who's gay. Says Angelo: "You don't think about it. He's just a friend."

NICE ENOUGH NEWS BLIPS

Tehran radio reported that 33 inches of snow blanketed the western Iranian town of Qasr Shirin in a freak storm last month. It was the first snow there in 22 years. Frosted palm trees, a sight rarely seen there, fascinated residents, the report said.

A 10-year-old Fremont, Neb., boy trying to keep his dog from throwing up on a rug last month was pinned to the floor when the family Christmas tree fell on top of him. He dialed 911 from a cordless phone after calling several neighbors, one of whom "didn't believe me."

Scientists last November broadcast history's first close-up photo of an asteroid. When scientists realized they had an image, "We just went crazy," said one. The *LA Times* said the space debris looked "a little like a badly mangled potato," then quoted a scientist as saying it looked like "the head of a salamander crawling out of space, or a great interplanetary ghoul, or maybe a shark's head."

A Petersburg prison inmate early this month accused former Washington Mayor Marion Barry of allowing a woman to perform oral sex on him in front of more than 20 people in a prison waiting room. A Justice Department spokesman said an "investigation is being conducted to determine what happened, and we'll proceed from that point."

Eight men beat two Omaha police officers early this month, one breaking a nightstick over an officer's head; spectators on foot and in cars jeered. Said a witness of the man attacking the officer: "He was hollering and laughing and jumping up and down, dancing almost, prancing, after he hit the officer in the head."

A powerful storm pounded Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and New York with 70 mph winds early this month, thrashing beachfront homes and piers. Said a witness: "I looked and water kept pouring in and pouring in, and at one point, I saw one of the homes float by." Said Delaware Gov. Michael N. Castle: "It's a potentially very dangerous situation."

SPURTS

- Scarily bad lead #1: "Her bottom lip. It is, on screen, the focus of her delicate and oddly rounded face, skin the color of milk. And she can inflate it into this amazing pout. God, she is so beautiful." (David Mills, *Washington Post*, on Jennifer Jason Leigh.)
- Scarily bad lead #2 (the You-Should-Know-All-About-Me-The-Reporter division): "I'm running late, stuck downtown in a heat wave, and it's a 20-minute cab ride to Central Park South." (Dana Kennedy, *Movieline*, on Liam Neeson.)
- Scarily bad lead #3 (same division, same magazine, different coast): "Dodging traffic on the ritzy end of Sunset Boulevard as I rush to meet bombshell Sharon Stone at the 'members only' St. James's Club, I'm thinking: 18 months can sure make a difference in Hollywood." (Stephen Rebello, *Movieline*, on Sharon Stone.)
- Fabulous recent *Surfer* story on the San Francisco Secret Society of Surfers—gay guys who surf and support each other. People who know about this group—or members willing to be profiled—are encouraged to write me, c/o *SF Bay Times*, 288 7th, SF 94103; or call 626-8121.

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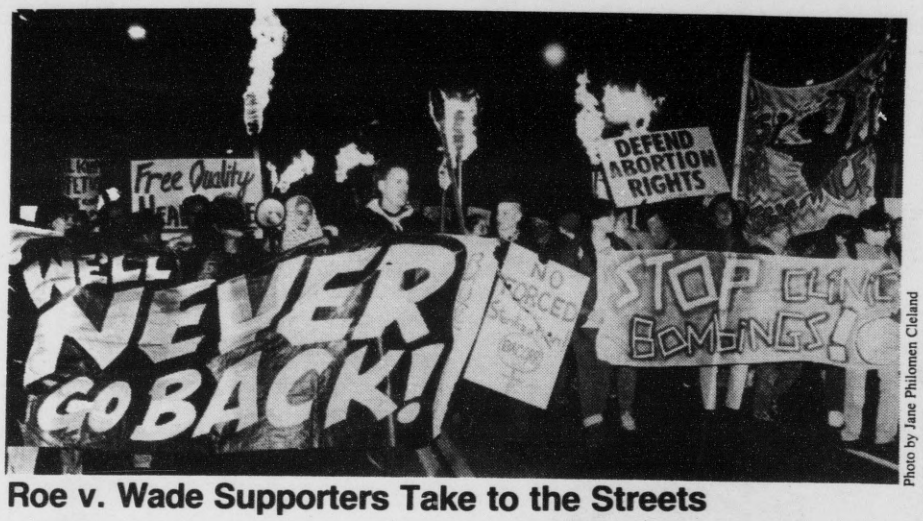

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Roe v. Wade Supporters Take to the Streets

Chanting "Abortion rights under attack. Women say we won't go back!" pro-choice supporters marked the 19th anniversary of the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision with a march through the Mission to the Castro on Jan. 22.

Anger and determination were palpable as the group, estimated by members of BACORR to be between 750 and 800, wound its way from 24th and Mission up 18th Street to Castro and Market. Despite the chilling weather, the demonstration had an upbeat, militant feel, as marchers carried lit torches and props. Four police cars and a fire engine followed the crowd to Castro and Market, where the authorities kept a visible, if restrained, watch on the proceedings.

The march and rally were billed as possibly the last commemoration of *Roe v. Wade*, since the Supreme Court had agreed the day before to hear a case challenging Pennsylvania's restrictions on abortions. After a series of rulings by the right-leaning Court whittling away at reproductive rights, pro-choice advocates have asked for a definitive answer to the question, "Is *Roe v. Wade* the law of the land or has it been overturned?" The Court's answer, expected to come before its session ends in July, could very well influence the upcoming presidential elections.

Speakers at the kickoff rally said the time is now to dig in and anticipate a negative ruling. Said Laura Weide of BACORR, "It's suicidal to expect the government to protect women. It's time to say no more nice girls! We've got to start counting our victories and looking to the long rich history of resistance." She added that should *Roe v. Wade* be overturned, women could be trained to do abortions through menstrual extractions.

The mood at Castro Street was both angry and festive, as protesters warmed themselves by dancing around a bonfire made up of torches, signs, and a rendering of the Capitol dubbed the "Prehistoric Boys Club" and guarded by figures in dinosaur masks.

—Val C. Phoenix

Action Slate Wins Clean Sweep in Milk Club Election

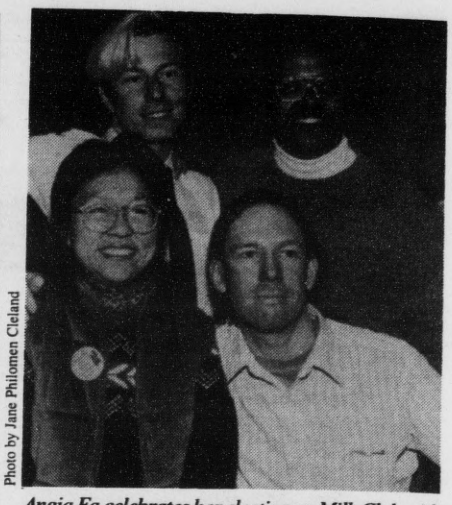
Angie Fa became the first Asian Pacific Islander to win the Presidency of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club on Jan. 29, and for that matter, she is the first lesbian Asian Pacific Islander to win the Presidency of *any* democratic club in San Francisco. Fa says, "It is time to go from working behind the scenes to leadership."

"As Asian Pacific Islanders we have never seized our potential to organize for the needs of the community," declares Fa. And that is precisely what she and the rest of the ACTION slate did by winning every single position up for election—solidly defeating the competing UNITY Slate. Fa, chair of the Asian American studies department at City College, says that she ran for the presidency, partly, on behalf of gay and lesbian students of color, "I wanted to say something for the kids."

Fa beat out the UNITY slate presidential candidate, Mark Dunlap, by 194 of the 326 ballots cast. Other ACTION slate victors include: Jon Mason, vice president of political affairs; Jim Nickoff, treasurer; and Cedric Yap, corresponding secretary. Rachel Timoner and Kurt Barrie will share the position of vice president of internal affairs. Barrie and Timoner will be in charge of any bylaws changes relating to the endorsement process of the Club.

Despite the fact that one disgruntled politico referred to elements of the ACTION slate as the "Jean Harris Outreach Program," there was barely a whiff of the vicious animosity that split the Club last year while Harris was President during the mayoral election. One of the few sharp notes was struck by Harris when she was overheard muttering, "This is not Art Agnos' club anymore, and I don't like seeing his ex-staffers here."

But Tab Buckner, the new recording secretary and an eight-year veteran of the Club, says that the ACTION slate deliberately included activists who had worked for Agnos, Alioto and Hongisto in an effort to reintegrate the club. He states, "The problem has been... certain egos that take more time and room than they [contribute to] enhancing the lesbian/gay/bisexual community."



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Angia Fa celebrates her election as Milk Club with other newly-elected officers (clockwise from top left) Kurt Barrie, Jon Mason and Tab Buckner.

Every candidate and Club member interviewed stressed they aim to create and maintain unity in the Club, to regain the respect of the community after an embarrassing year of infighting. The candidates stressed they had made pledges not to say anything vicious, mean, derogatory or even 'not nice' about each other—and they kept that promise.

While, *very* broadly speaking, the UNITY slate was compromised of the Milk Club old guard and the ACTION slate of newer members, the programs both slates offered differed very little. Both emphasized getting AB101 passed, putting an increased focus on empowerment—roughly translated; getting more of us elected—and dealing with racism within and outside of the club. Virtually every candidate also believed that the Club should become more directly involved in health policy, specifically AIDS, and getting a city budget passed that protects AIDS funding. Several candidates also argued the Club should start taking up the torch of breast cancer and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome activism.

Activist and gay aide-de-camp to Mayor Jordan T.J. Anthony, spoke for most of those who showed up to vote, saying, "My feeling is that both are decent people and whoever wins, it is a win for the community and the Club."

Letters...

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men, anybody.

The bottom line for me is that I have had it with the divisiveness that exists in our community. To quote Pogo: "We have met the enemy and it is us."

Morgan Henderson
Oakland

Transsexual In The Lesbian Community

This is a letter to Christine Beatty and in response to her letter (Jan. 2, 1992) "An Open Letter to the Gay Female Community."

I believe it was you that I met during the last Pride Parade; you were riding in the Women's Motorcycle Contingent. If it was you, you are gorgeous and I envy you. I've also read the previous letter you wrote, where you expressed concerns about being treated with disrespect by men, especially being grabbed and fondled.

Both letters were well written and expressed the same concerns that I have, except perhaps that I am older, wiser and see things differently.

I too am a transsexual lesbian. I too feel frustration and pain of being ill dealt, misunderstood and poorly received by those in my own community; but, my dear, you are not only fighting your lover's battle but trying to pry yourself into closed doors and closed minds.

Trying to pry oneself into a closed door is a waste of time and the gay/lesbian community, by and large, cares not to see the hypocrisy of their own attitudes/actions, and that is OK—for what goes around comes around. The way that they treat us is the way that the hets treat them, and until they can be accepting of themselves and others within the community, they can't expect the hets to accept or respect them. As a matter of fact the more I get to know the individual members of the lesbian/gay community, the less I care to socialize with them. There's a lot of unhealthy attitude, complexes and need in most (not all) of those that I know.

As regards your lover, I envy you, but she should fight her own battles, for what I sense is co-dependent behavior. You are fighting your lover's battles either because she is too weak to fight her own or you underestimate her ability to fight for herself. Worse yet, by taking up the sword in her defense, you are assuming the traditional male role. I think she can and is ready to deal with her own issues and defend herself. She proved that by entering into a relationship with you in the first place.

As transsexuals we've had to develop an inner strength, to go about our lives without regard for what others think, to validate ourselves and I am very adamant here—No one can invalidate you without your permission. That is, one has to be so weak in self-esteem, so egoless, that the opinions of others, no matter how sick, needy, inferior they are, account for more than our own. The only opinion of me that matters is my own. Whatever "your opinion" is, keep it to yourself or stuff it where the sun don't shine.

Unfortunately, within the community, there are a lot of people with unhealthy, sick minds—raging with hatreds, fears, guilt and needs that I don't understand. How many dykes think us crazy for throwing away the penis that we detested and that they secretly covet? How many gay males would give anything if they could do what we did and become the woman they wish they were?

Neither you nor your girlfriend need the approval or sanction of the lesbian community. Live your own life for each other and if you need to socialize and dance, do what I do: Go to heterosexual bars and dance clubs. I've never been mistreated there, but neither do I play with the feelings or sexual needs of heterosexual males, especially when they are drinking.

Do as I do: Choose your friends and acquaintances carefully and selectively with an eye to quality not quantity and, most importantly, don't try to open closed doors or minds; it is a waste of time. Nothing you nor I can do will alter opinions until they themselves are ready to change. Finally, stop playing Sir Galahad and let that lovely lady fight her own battles. Shit, she can probably fight yours as well if I judge her right.

Jennifer Lee Farrar
Santa Cruz

Boy Scout Gay Bashing

In an apparent effort to shore up support for their homophobic policies, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) organization has recently recruited Jimmy Stewart—that fossilized icon of the American cinema—to preach the BSA gospel of intolerance and ignorance. A letter being distributed by the BSA and signed by the actor, pleads for funds in the hallowed name of "traditional American values." Of course, this thin rhetorical whitewash hardly covers the ugly bigotry that encrusts the Boy Scouts.

In "his" letter, Mr. Stewart argues that the BSA stands for "family" and "God." Scouting leads young men into lives of virtue, the actor claims. He points out that it is cheaper to sponsor a Scout than a juvenile delinquent and so, his "logic" goes, Americans ought to cut a quick check to Scouts, Inc.

Yet, what Stewart fails to admit is that the BSA's ban against participation by gay youth and gay Scout leaders surely sanctions the delinquency of gay bashing. After all, national figures suggest that an astonishing 99 percent of gay bashers are males under the age of 21. The BSA directly encourages these senseless hate crimes through teaching its 4.5 million members that queer people are second-class citizens, morally corrupt and downright damnable.

Of course many Scouts *are* gay, though the BSA insists that they keep this fundamental aspect of their identities hidden away. Taught to hate themselves or fear exposure, many of these gay teens will ultimately opt for suicide. In fact, according to the Department of Health and Human Services, gay teenagers commit suicide at a rate that is at least three times higher than that for heterosexual teenagers. Because it so actively indoctrinates youth with anti-gay attitudes, the BSA is hardly innocent in contributing to this tragedy.

It is neither hyperbolic nor alarmist to suggest that young lives could be saved if the BSA would teach respect for human diversity rather than an intolerance based upon stupid and senile notions about human sexuality and social development. It seems quite clear, however, that the BSA organization is not as concerned about the welfare of young men as they profess. Indeed, as indicated by the recent Jimmy Stewart campaign, the Scouting industry would rather generate revenue than wisdom. The BSA seems quite willing to sacrifice lives in order to keep the donations coming.

It might very well cost less to finance a Scout than to jail a teenager, but how can we measure the cost of Scout-sanctioned homophobia upon the young lives that continue to be damaged—and lost—through bashings and suicides?

Dependent as the BSA is upon charitable contributions, the organization *can* be encouraged to change its homophobic policies through economic pressure.

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ASTROLOGY

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...And Now It Conjuncts the Fan

Saturday began the conjunction of Neptune and Uranus. This happens every 170 years and promises important new definitions of musical terms. Outer planets move slowly and affect global changes. The effects will be seen on institutionalized religions. Several major denominations will scatter and regroup. As the churches break apart and reorganize, liberation theology and sexual/reproductive issues in canon law will be articulated in entirely new ways. There will also be major pharmacological breakthroughs, and scandals among the drug warriors.

At the more personal level, we will all be challenged to experience our spiritual lives at more practical levels, and vice versa. Issues of spiritual authority and tradition will come up for many people in the coming months. A lot more of us will be returning to the churches of our childhood to find that they have also grown up to some extent.

This will take a couple of years to unfold. Right now Mars is passing by Uranus and Neptune, setting off squabbles which will indicate the focus of early rounds of the big fights ahead.

We should be making an effort to think slowly and carefully to avoid the temptations of ridiculous arguments. Alas, Mercury has just gone into Aquarius, accelerating our minds, and more so, our tongues.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Be very, very, very careful at work! All your wonderful ideas about what you need to do to get ahead are potentially very dangerous. Before you do anything, talk with someone whom you know you can trust. There's bound to be some trouble with the boss, a set of misunderstandings, perhaps even some scandal. At other times we admire your confidence and energy, but now it comes across as a self-certain, perhaps even arrogant, attitude that can make trouble worse. Don't cast blame; don't fight back. Admit to misunderstandings in a way that doesn't necessarily accept blame, but allows you room to clarify and resolve the problems. You tend to get feisty now, but fighting would be a disaster. Meditation will help you to focus your energy.

TAURUS: When's the last time you were in church or in schule? A visit this weekend would be a good challenge to your philosophies. Somehow your mind is buzzing and you need a good intellectual challenge. You tend now to draw yourself into arguments. The intense urge to challenge the ideas that surround you will quickly pass, but the underlying issues will linger on to be dealt with over the next couple of years. So set aside the urgency. This is a good time to open up deep questions that will take all of the next two years to examine. Whatever answers you come up with now will be insufficient, so don't press it; but they will be good enough to serve as starting points in the quest ahead.

GEMINI: You're now getting hard challenges to the tough questions—sex, death, and beyond. You may be getting more erotic opportunities than you can handle; too much of a good thing can, just as Mae said, be wonderful. It can also be exhausting and a time to consider, is there something you need that's much deeper? We're all dealing with grief overload. Yours threatens to get messy this weekend. A good emotional purge will help you to become amazingly clear and insightful. The worst of it is a tendency to lash out in frustration and anger. Indeed there is a lot to be frustrated and angry about, but blame helps not at all. You can rage and scream and still be gentle to those around you.

CANCER: Why, you may wonder, does your lover find it necessary to drive you crazy? Because it is virtually impossible not to. You've had a peculiar attitude about partnership lately. Wanting spontaneity and fantasy, independence, experimentation, and deep empathy...well, it's a lot to ask for, but is it too much? Perhaps. Settling for no less is sure to create a lot of confusion. All these elements are wonderful and for you these days, important—but to develop them you have to keep talking with your partner and clarifying the mysteries and surprises that you thrive on now. This weekend finds your temper stronger than your verbal skills. On the other hand all that heat can be burned off in wonderfully passionate exploration of all that fantasy and innovation you crave so dearly.

LEO: Be very careful of your health right now! It's all too easy for you to over-exert yourself, thus opening yourself to sprains and infections. Over-exerting yourself can also get you in trouble at work. Inclined to prove your prowess, you can inadvertently cross up co-workers or superiors. You're also especially rebellious now. Whatever directions you're given you think you know a better way. Perhaps you do, but ask the others involved, "How do you suppose it would be if we...?" instead of insisting that you should rather.... Allergies and nervous reactions can do horrible things to your skin right now. Be cautious. Steady, moderate exercise can burn off energy and keep you cool. I said, MODERATE!

VIRGO: You're beginning a wonderful creative streak that will get even better over the next two years. Right now your exuberance could be a bit dangerous. Be careful not to over-commit yourself to new arts and entertainments. Easy does it. First efforts are typically more of a learning experience than a success. Usually more patient and pragmatic, you now want to hit gold on the first try. That's sure to cause disappointment and burn-out. This is a great time to write out ideas and make crazy plans that you'll whittle down to reality later on. Give yourself plenty of time! In just a few days you'll be back to your usual calmly compulsive self.

LIBRA: Check your switches and gas mains. If there was ever a time for your house to burn down this is it. There's other ways to come across like a house afire. Erratic behavior or drinking problems, if they exist in your home or family, are sure to become explosive right now. It could be a simple fight about irresponsible behavior; or it could be time to join a 12-step program. (We are powerless over Aquarians and our lives have become unmanageable!) Calls from home are certain to get a lot more interesting than you like. Make sure you're in a very calm and accepting (but not pliant) space when talking with relatives. Don't agree to anything they suggest until you know it feels right for you!

SCORPIO: It's frustrating as hell that people don't get what you're trying to tell them. It's not that they're idiots, but you really are being at least a bit obtuse. You're also dangerously abrupt, catching them off guard, so they don't know what to make of you—as if they ever did! Right now you're especially touchy about it—this will pass in a few days—but you will continue to express yourself in ways that are a bit confusing to your acquaintances, and at first to yourself. Keep a journal and sort out your ideas. You're getting some amazing insights; it's hard to make sense of them to anyone else, but in time you'll be able to clarify all these odd notions, perhaps into something wonderfully brilliant.

SAGITTARIUS: Money troubles are coming to a head right now. If you don't have any such problems this is a great time to start some. Sudden impulses to spend or invest are sure to get you into trouble. This can be a good time to clean out things that have been cluttering up your life— philosophically as well as materially. Selling things can bring some pleasure, but you're tempted just to toss it, not to get a fair price. It may be worth it just to eliminate *chazerai* that's in your way, but don't cheat yourself! Arguments over money can start all too easily. You could learn something very helpful, but you don't have to agree. Try to listen politely and make neutral noises. Consider what's been said, and do whatever you think is best.

CAPRICORN: You've been asserting your individuality, and becoming more sensitive in a lot of new and sometimes disconcerting ways. Right now it's beginning to come together in a way that's decidedly irritating. Anything can set you off right now. Be very careful not to let yourself fall into somebody else's bad temper. Usually you're very good at "considering the source" when somebody is being a pain. Now it's not so easy to detach. Some exercise or constructive physical activity can help you to burn off steam, but be very careful not to overdo it.

AQUARIUS: With Saturn in your sign now, life is tough enough already. Right now it seems that everything is going wrong, and so it may be, but it's not all your fault. Internalizing anger not only causes you ulcers, but makes you impossible to be around. No, that's not something else to feel bad about. Go to the beach and beat on the sand. Give yourself space to

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THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

COMING UP!

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JAN 30 / T H U

"Spike & Spite: Black Women at the Periphery of Film," a talk by journalist Julianne Malveaux on the kinds of messages being generated by filmmaker Spike Lee, whose films often portray Black women in demeaning & stereotypical ways. Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Toland Hall, UCSF. Info: 476-0400.

Men Re-Defining Work: Workshop offered by Gallagher Career Development Center, JFK University. Men have few guidelines to help them sort thru the opportunities & anxieties they experience in the workplace. This workshop explores what work means to men, & examines the pressures they experience as they move through their careers. Also provides practical tools to clarify personal & professional values. 6-8 pm Thursdays thru 2/13. 1250 Arroyo Way, Walnut Creek. $50. Info/reg: (510) 295-0610.

Enchanted Evening III presented by Cynthia O Toliver. Dinner & entertainment, including jazz with *The Unkown Giants*, piece by performance artist Lester Jones, dance with the Samba Sisters, juggling with Stephan Saux & performance by actor Thomas Simpson. Poulty, seafood or vegetarian dinners served. $15 per person, $25 per couple. The Welcome Mat Restaurant, 807 Valencia St btwn 19th & 20th, SF. Info/res: 647-3663 or 267-3129.

Pizza Night with Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group. Meet 6:30 pm at Ramona's, 541 Ramona St (btwn University & Hamilton), Palo Alto, for a night of delicious pizza & fun! All women are welcome. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Spaghetti Feed with Western Star Dancers. Square dancing club cooks up & serves a delicious meal tonight at the Elephant Walk Bar, in a benefit for the AIDS Health Project & the Center for Positive Care. $6.50 adv, $7 at door. Castro at 18th St, SF. Info: Josh 431-9049.

"Can Cancer Be Predicted?" a talk by Patricia Kelly, PhD, director of medical genetics & cancer risk counseling. Ms Kelly presents current research on the influence of dietary customs & ethnicity on the rate & type of cancer occurrence, plus addresses social & political issues surrounding the kinds of research being done on cancer. 7 pm, donation accepted. Women's Cancer Research Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley (close to Ashby BART Station). Please refrain from wearing scents. Info: (510) 548-WCRC.

"CJ Jung: Transformative Power of Symbols," the 2nd lecture in the "Modern Spiritual Masters" series with Robert McDermott. Covers Jung's reflections on memories & dreams; Freud, Jung & the unconscious; psychology, religion & individuation; symbols of transformation—East & West; "The Gnostic Jung." 7-9 pm. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Rounds Singing for Women—see 1/23 listing for details.

Frameline's "Out on Thursday" series of monthly screenings begins tonight with a screening of works which have been subject to censorship, including *Eye to Eye*, a film interview with Jack Walls, longtime lover of Robert Mapplethorpe & model for some of his most controversial photos; and two tapes banned by the PBS network, Robert Hilferty's *Stop the Church* and Charles Atlas' *Son of Sam & Delilah*. 7:30 pm, $5. At Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St, SF. Info: Frameline 861-5245. "Out on Thursday" screenings are held on the last Thursday of each month.

Ireland Update/Commemoration at La Pena Cultural Center: Commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the date when British paratroopers shot into a civil rights demo in Derry, Northern Ireland. Includes Irish folk music, slideshow, and talk by Peter Urban of the Irish Republican Socialist Party. Spons by the Irish Martyrs Memorial Committee. 7:30 pm, $5-10. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

She Who Was Lost is Remembered: *Healing from Incest Through Creativity*—contributors Laurie York & Cheryl Marie Wade, plus a surprise guest, discuss their contributions to this collection of prose, poetry, visual images & song by over 30 women writers & artists. 8 pm at Old Wives Tales Bookstore. $3-10. Proceeds benefit Old Wives Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St at 21st. Info: 821-4675.

Lea DeLaria in "butchfemmelezziedykefag" at Josie's—see 1/29 listing.

Frida: A Dance Drama—one-woman concert with Alice Perea, portraying the life & images of the late Mexican painter Frida Khalo. 8 pm, $10 & $8 at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF.

Steve Parr's "Erotica" at DNA Lounge, 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

Erotica at DNA Lounge: A benefit for COYOTE, the prostitutes advocacy group. Features an evening of musical performances by Connie Champagne, the Pleshettes, Diana Trimble & Barbara Imhoff; plus erotic readings by Lisa LaBia & Christine Beatty, erotic dancing by Peaches & Jon Erikson, and erotic videos from Niteclub Video. Also special appearance by Warhol superstar Hollywoodlawn. Hosted by Mistress Kat. 9 pm, $8. 375 11th St, SF. Info/res: 558-8112.

Lavender Lounge TV Dance Party for Gay Boys & Girls airs 10 pm tonight on cable channel 25. For program details call the hotline: 337-4921.

JAN 31 / F R I

The Challenge to Be: Registration deadline for The Parsonage's popular workshop series on spirituality & sexuality, see 2/22 listing for details.

The Silk Road, a sweeping tale of romance, conflict & self-discovery in ancient China. Film by Junya Sato, based on the prize-winning novel *Dun Huang* by Yasushi Inoue. In Japanese with English subtitles. Opens today at AMC Kabuki 8 Theatres, 1881 Post St, SF.

"The Ancient Mystery Religions: Myth, Cosmos, Psyche," a lecture/wkshop with David Ulansey that discusses the ancient mystery religions such as the Eleusinian Mysteries, the Mithraic Mysteries and the Mysteries of Isis. 7-9 pm. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Ceremony of Purification: Native American Healing Art: Workshop teaches concepts of, and take students through, an experience of the Native American sweat lodge ceremony, which is regarded as a purification of body, mind & spirit. 7-9 pm tonight, 9 am-4 pm tmw. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

"Shamanic Healing & Empowerment: High Performance in Health, Relationships & the Workplace," a lecture with Tom Pinkson. Covers shamanic principles & how they are related to everyday health, relationships & the workplace. 7-9 pm. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Hollywood Movie Classics series at Oakland's Paramount Theatre continues with *Giant* at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm for entertainment with organist Jim Riggs on the Wurlitzer, followed by a newsreel, cartoon, trailers, game prizes & the feature film. 2025 Broadway at 21st, Oakl. Info: (510) 465-6400.

Ranch Romance perform "regressive country" tonight & tmw at 8 pm in Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts' SecondStage. Tix $20. Info/reg: 903-6000.

Comic Lea DeLaria in "butchfemmelezziedykefag" at Josie's Cabaret. DeLaria's new one-woman show at Josie's Cabaret features her stand-up comedy; colorful ranting about sex, obsession & Clarence Thomas; plus "Ms DeLaria's Dating Tips for Dykes" and her powerful jazz & blues singing. Plays Wed-Sun thru 2/9 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm shows tonight & 2/7. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 861-7933.

Old First Concert series continues with James Dahlgren, violin; March Teicholz, guitar; Laura Claycomb, soprano; Roxann Jacobson, viola; and Ruth Stienon, cello in a program of works by Jeno Takacs, Dusan Bogdanovic, Matyas Seiber & Paganini. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 474-1608. Sacramento & Van Ness Ave, SF.

"We The Natives!" The 1992 Bay Area Dance Series (BADS) commemorates the 500th anniversary of Columbus' "discovery" of the Americas with work by a diverse group of companies & choreographers, this month thru April. Schedule starts off with Danza Chicanindia & Numamta Yup'ik Eskimo Dancers, in performance tonight & 2/1 & 2 at Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon at 9th St, Oakland. 8 pm tonight & tmw, 3 pm Sun. Tix $14 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs, $7 kids 12 & under. Subscription packages available. For info/res call BADS (510) 464-3540.

Ranch Romance, a contemporary ensemble performing "regressive country" music, in concert tonight & tmw at 8 pm, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts' SecondStage. Tix $20. Info: 903-6000.

Mourning War/Reconciling in Peace: A Gift from Vietnam Vets to the Community," 2-day program spons by Swords to Plowshares & Friends of Creation Spirituality. 8 pm tonight: Robert Bly, Matthew Fox & Michael Meade address the need for all of us to mourn the true costs of the war. 9 am-5 pm tomorrow: Several workshops led by nationally known facilitators, with focus on personal reconciliation of our losses thru a variety of experiential processes including art, writing, sweat lodge, music & ritual. Herbst Pavilion, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Info: (510) 482-4984.

Hubbard Street Dance Co perform tonight & tmw at Stanford Memorial Auditorium, Stanford University. Info: Tressider Ticket Office 725-ARTS.

Theatre Engage Benefit at Mama Bears. Eve of inspiring & powerful acoustic music & monologues, a benefit for this new playwrights' theatre which performs original works on contemporary issues. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Flamenco Music & Dance with Fiesta Flamenca at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Warning: Contents Under Pressure—evening of dance works by Scott Wells & Dancers at The Next Stage, Trinity Episcopal Church, 1668 Bush St at Gough, SF. 8:30 pm tonight & tmw, $5-10 SL fee. Info: 863-1590.

A Lowlife in High Heels: Actress/Andy Warhol superstar Holly Woodlawn ("Trash," "Women in Revolt") reads from her recently-published autobiography, *A Lowlife in High Heels*. 10:30 pm, $6. Part of the Spoken Word Savages Series at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF.

FEB 1 / S A T

Free Plant Disease Clinic spons by UC Botanical Garden. 9 am-noon. Bring sick plants or cuttings and Dr Bob Raabe will identify them and prescribe treatments for common pests, diseases & infections. In the meeting room of the Botanical Garden in Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley. Info: 642-3343.

Help Battered Women help themselves—WOMAN, Inc volunteer training offered this month. See 2/6 listing for details.

Come Out for Cuba Int'l Rally: 1 pm at Mission High School, 18th & Dolores St, SF. Protest to demand an end to the blockade & travel bans, the closing of Guantanomo Naval Base, and no US intervention. $5-25 SL donation. Info: 821-7575. Spons by the Lesbian & Gay Committee, Peace for Cuba International Appeal.

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Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Karen Williams, Tom Ammiano, and Suzy Berger. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Pegasus MOC Annual Ice Man Run at Camelot Resort in the Russian River. Call (707) 869-2538, (800) 922-7807 or Randy Williams (415) 771-7553, (415) 206-5316 for details.

The AIDS/HIV Nightline spons by SF Suicide Prevention seeks volunteers to provide nighttime emotional support for people with concerns related to AIDS/HIV. If you're a good listener, compassionate, available to work evenings or nights and able to relate to others on a personal level, you could volunteer & experience the satisfaction of helping someone thru a time of need. Formal training provided. Volunteers are asked to commit an average of 4 hrs per week for a minimum of 6 months. Info: David Paisley or Rolph Shanabruch, 752-4866.

St Mary's/Moraga Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Rte 24 East to Ordina exit. Turn right on Moraga Way & continue 5+ miles. Turn left at light in Moraga on Canyon Way (Moraga Rd). Bear right at next light onto St Mary's Rd. Turn immediately into first parking lot on left. Meet 9:30 am. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Behold Yourself! Wkshop: Mask-making workshop led by Laisha Beeson. Learn a powerful tool to access & communicate with many facets of your inner reality. Wkshop features guided visualization, music, poetry, mandala drawing & journaling in a safe, sacred space. 9:30 am-4:30 pm, $35-50 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. $10 materials fee. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Pre-reg required, call 476-5836.

Learning to Heal: The new Art & Science of Holoenergetic Healing— wkshop with Leonard Laskow. Wkshop deals with the new transformative

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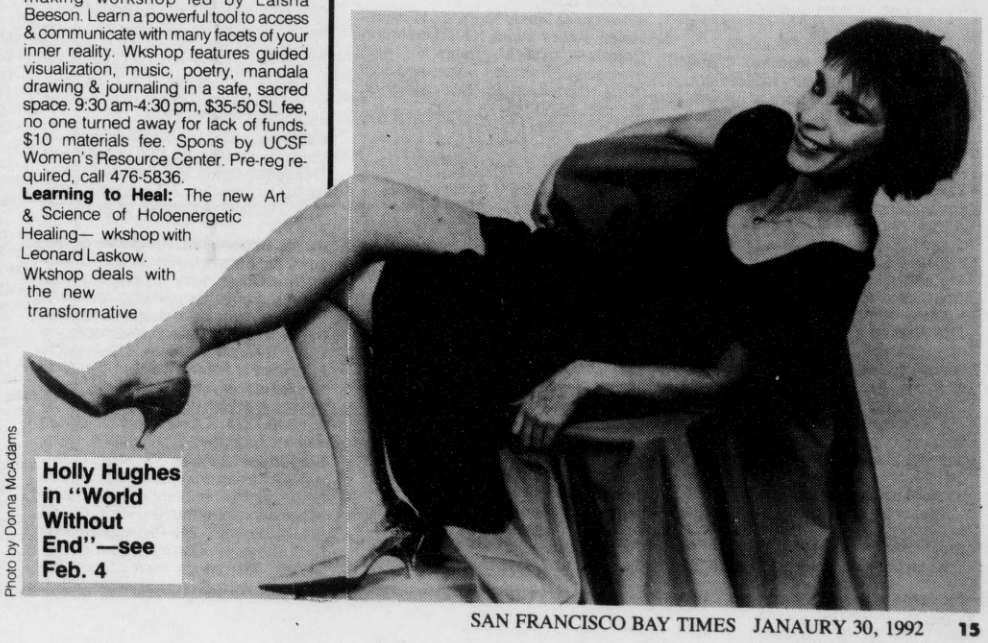
SF Chinese New Year's Celebration kicks off the Year of the Monkey

"Rhythm & Dance"—OnStage has info.



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Holly Hughes in "World Without End"—see Feb. 4

paradigm of holoenergetic healing, a merger of the scientic advances of modern medicine with the healing arts. Today & tmw. 9:30 am-5:30 pm. Info: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

2nd Annual Tet Festival begins today: Mayor Frank Jordan opens the annual celebration of the Vietnamese New Year with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Festivities continue 10 am-5 pm on Larkin St btwn Eddy & O'Farrell, SF. Lion dancers, firecrackers, singing, dancing, karate demos, children's performances & more. Info: 885-2743.

Shamanic Art: Empowering Symbols for Healing—wkshop with Judith Cornell. Learn how to reclaim & awaken your power as a shamanic artist. No prior art training required. 10 am-4:30 pm. today & tmw. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

AB 101 Fair Employment Initiative Volunteer Mobilization: 10 am today & 2/8, 11 am tmw & 2/9. 1590 Market St at Franklin, SF. Info: Rachel Timoner 252-5638.

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for Women new to Woman-Loving Identity. Share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss being single, where to meet lesbians, dating, lesbian relationships & lesbian community resources. Learn more about lesbian culture, community & oppression. Begin to create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. 10 am-4:30 pm, $35-50 SL fee. In Mountain View (40 min south of SF). Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

Pathfinder: A Wkshop on Intuition. Vasu, psychic reader & visionary, shows the path to your inner guide & healer. 10:30 am-1:30 pm, $35. A New Leaf, the Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, downtown Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Ultimate Frisbee: Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Ultimate Frisbee teams are forming! Women & men of all skill levels welcome—meet today, 11 am-1 pm, at Marx Meadow, nr 25th & Fulton, Golden Gate Park, SF. Info: Claire 285-0936 or Walter 824-6558.

Healing Ourselves Wkshop for Adoptees: For those new to adoption issues, and those looking for deep emotional, physical & spiritual healing. 11 am-5 pm, $35. 2417 Cabrillo St, SF. Call Amy Jane Cheney for info/reg: 923-1454. Part of a series of workshops on adoption issues, upcoming wkshops include "Adoptees, Significant Others & Friends," "Breath & Movement Work for Adoptees" & "Lesbian Adoptees & Lesbian Birthmothers." Call for details.

Body Sculpting Wkshop with Fakir Musafar. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational projects for the s/m community. Wkshop focuses on waist reduction, foot modifications & piercing enlargements. Fakir brings a selection of hourglass corsets, training belts & toe shoes that students may try. Class includes slides, videos & live demos. $25. Doors open at noon, class 12:30-5 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info: 550-7776.

Marin Women's Support Group spons by GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 1:30 pm today & 2/15. For info/location call 381-3563.

Gay & Lesbian Artists Alliance (GLAA) gen'l mtg, followed by potluck dinner & social, at Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St, SF. Mtg agenda includes election of board members for 1992-93. All members & interested people are encouraged to attend. For mtg time & other info call Steven 863-3353.

Potluck Dinner/Bingo Night spons by Black & White Men Together (BWMT). Bring a dish, dessert or drink to share. 6:30 pm. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF. Everyone welcome!

One With Many Names: Come celebrate Lucina, the sun goddess, and rename/restate your spiritual growth. Spons by the women of Metropolitan Community Church-SF, open to all. 7:30 pm. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

"Israel in Egypt", Pacific Mozart Ensemble perform Handel's majestic double chorus oratorio at St Mark's Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley at 7:30 pm and tmw at Temple Emanu-El, Arguello at Lake, SF, at 5 pm. For tix & other info call (510) 848-2336. Tix available at the door.

The Women's Philharmonic & "Partners in Motion," dancers of ODC/SF in concert at Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley at 8 pm. Program: Darius Milhaud's "Bull on the Roof," Marga Richter's "Dusseldorf Concerto," Priscilla McLean's "Everything Awakening Alert & Joyful," Libby Larsen's "Ghosts of an Old Ceremony." Pre-concert conversation with composers Larsen, McLean & Richter and music director JoAnn Falletta. For tix & other info call the Zellerbach Box Office: (510) 642-9988. For subscriptions or group sales call (415) 543-2297.

Photo by Jill Posener

Pomo Afro Homos are back with an all-new show, "Dark Fruit." Opens Feb. 12 at Josie's.

Pageant at New Performance: 16 brilliant women choreographer/performers exchange solo works for two evenings (tonight & tmw) to support the New Performance Gallery. Night of dance with Margaret Jenkins & Brenda Way, Claire Whistler & Mercy Sidbury, Joanna Haigood, KT Nelson, Della Davidson, Cathleen McCarthy, Linda Fowler & Mary Jane Eisenberg, Colette Bischer Choate, Janice Garrett, Mary Reid, Barbara Susko, Kate Foley & Leslie Swaha. 8 pm, $10 & $8. 3153 17th St, SF.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Bluegrass, folk & country with *Wild Hearts* (Robin Flower, Libby McLaren & Nancy Vogl). 8:30 pm, $7-10 SL fee. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

The SOMA Quartet in concert at the Alliance Francaise, 1345 Bush St, SF. 8 pm, $12 gen'l, $9.50 stdnts & srs. An evening of chamber jazz & new music, with works by Bill Evans, John Heller, Miles Davis, John Lewis & Dmitri Matheny, plus a jazz impression of Faure's *Pavane*.

Comedy at Mama Bears with Karen Williams! 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

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At the I-Beam tonight: *Babes in Toyland* and *Bomb*. 1748 Haight St, SF. $5. Info: 668-6006.

Cuban Dance Music Night at La Pena Cultural Center. 9:30 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info (510) 849-2568.

Klubstitute Homophile Nite Club & Cabaret presents "Miss Ruby Toosday's Hard Cock Cafe," a record release party for *MDC*'s latest LP, featuring a night of slam-glam rock 'n' roll fun with 4 ultra-fab bands: *MDC* (Millions of Dead Cops), *Tribe 8* (dyke thrash band), *Zugspitz* (group featuring members of the Pleshettes & Pung), and *The Serenas*, mega-groovy teen wimp rockers. $4.98 (half-price before 10 pm). 1751 Fulton St nr Masonic, at Brave New World Off Plaza, SF. Info: Remix or Diet 826-5358.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with **Helen Keller Plaid, Overwhelming Colorfast, Trunk** and *Hobbit NYC*, with members of *Wannabe Texans* and *Spot 1019*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

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SF Women's Football League: Today's the deadline for team entry in the 1992 "Winter into Spring" season. Interested? Call 584-6496 for more info or to request a team registration form.

The Hungry Ear: New Works for Tapes, Keyboards & Voices—the SF Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers present new compositions on the first Sun of each month at Josie's Cabaret. 5 pm, $6. 3583 16th St at Market. Info/res: 861-7933.

Comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret tonight in "butchfemmelezziedykefag." See 2/1 listing for details.

Needle Exchange: Join the front lines in the fight against AIDS—the Needle Exchange Emergency Distribution, a Berkeley AIDS prevention program, urgently needs new volunteers. For info call (510) 644-4221.

Storyteller Judith Nasaw at Gaia Bookstore, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

AB 101 Fair Employment Initiative Volunteer Mobilization, see 2/1 listing for details.

Bi-Friendly Sunday Lunch at Sol's on Shattuck, Berkeley. Spons by the Jewish Bisexual Caucus. All Jewish Bi's and any of their friends who like deli food are welcome to come & gorge themselves. For directions & other details call Jim 337-4566.

4th Annual Women's Wheelchair Basketball Benefit Game: Bay Area Meteorites vs Bay Area Musicians. Rousing musical entertainment provided by the *SF Lesbian/Gay Spirit Band*. Musicians team includes Carolyn Brandy, Teresa Chandler, India Cooke, Melanie DeMore, Debbie Fier, Judy Fjell, Mimi Fox, Monica Grant, Nancy Henderson, Jake Lampert, Rhiannon, Linda Tillery & Theresa Trull. MC JoAnn Loulan. Doors open at 1:30 pm, game at 2. $5-10 SL donation gen'l admission, $2.50-5 disabled, children & srs. Haas Pavillion Gym, Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Blvd, Oakl.

G Forty Plus Club Mtg: 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Today's topic: "CASA: From Social Circles to Social Alternatives." David Lozano & other reps from the Community Alternative Social Assoc discuss the stereotypes & actualities of Latino gay men. Also another of the G Forty renowned raffles—bring your wrapped, anonymous gift & help the Club's treasury (and yourself!). Info: 552-1997.

"I Ain't Yo Uncle" performance of "New Jack Revisionist *Uncle Tom's Cabin*' by the SF Mime Troupe at the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade's 55th anniversary celebration. Talk at 1 pm by guest speaker author Medea Benjamin (*Don't Be Afraid, Gringo; Help or Hindrance; Food & Revolution in Cuba Today*) precedes the 2 pm performance. Tix $17.50. Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 285-1717. Seating limited.

SEXART Salon: Spons by photographer Mark I Chester & publisher David Steinberg. An open stage salon for all media work that explores sexuality & creativity. Open to prose, poetry, spoken remembrances, performance & sexual demonstrations. Men & women of all sexualities are welcome. 3 pm, 1229 Folsom St, SF. For info/res call 621-6294.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) Writers Wkshop: 3 pm. Call 731-2424 for info/location.

Bringing It Home: Fundraiser for the Nat'l Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Conference and Lesbians & Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action (LGADDA). 3-9 pm at the Eagle Creek Saloon, 1884 Market ST, SF. Entertainment, door prizes, and more. Info: 221-1612. Also see 2/13.

HIV+/ARC/AIDS Potluck spons by MCC-SF: All HIV-positive men & women are welcome. 4:30 pm. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

"Israel in Egypt" performed by Pacific Mozart Ensemble, see 2/1 listing for details.

WSSM (Women Supporting S/M) meet at 7 pm for an erotic reading, followed by social. Bring your s/m sweetie & a non-alcoholic beverage or snack. Women only. For info/location call M, (707) 525-9822.

Sunday Songbird Jazz Series at Labodega Restaurant continues with Jenny Ferris & Jeff Massanari. 7-9 pm, no cover. 1337 Grant St, SF. Info: 433-0439.

Jazz in North Beach with vocalist Jenny Ferris at Labodega Restaurant, 1357 Grant St, SF. 7-9 pm, no cover. Info: 433-0439.

"Oh, Freedom!"—MCC-SF's observation of African American History Month, begins with Rev Jim Mitulski speaking on "The Montgomery Bus Boycott 1955: Walk Together, Children," at tonight's service at Metropolitan Community Church-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 7 pm. Info: 863-4434.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Sara Levi Calderon reads from her Mexican bestseller, *The Two Mujeres*, a sensual love story of two Mexican Jewish women. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Celebrate Festa de Yemanja at La Pena: One of Candomble's most important festivals in Salvador, Bahia, is celebrated today in honor of Yemanja, the mother goddess of the ocean waters, with *Oxumare*, traditional Afro-Brazilian music & dance group. Starts with dance workshop (you must wear white to participate). 7:30 pm, $7. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

At Black Oak Books: Jon Wiener, UC-Irvine professor of history & contributing editor to *The Nation*, discusses his new book, *Professors, Politics & Pop*, an engaging collection of 42 articles, essays & reviews written between 1974-1990. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

Pageant at New Performance Gallery—see 2/1 listing for details. Don't miss!

FEB 3 / M O N

Reading/Spelling Classes offered by the Armstrong Adult Program for adults who have learning disabilities (dyslexia, etc). Classes run 2/3-6/11. Beginning class: 4-5:30 pm Mondays & Thursdays. Intermediate class: 6-7:30 pm Monday & Thursday. Millbrae Campus, 797 Santa Margarita Ave. Info/reg: 661-1753. Southbay classes also available, call for info.

Simply Grand, an eclectic mix of Broadway, pop & funk with the cast of the Tony Award-winning "Grand Hotel." Proceeds benefit Equity Fights AIDS and the AIDS Emergency Fund. Tix $25 gen'l, $50 tix allow you to mingle with the stars at a special post-show party! Mason Street Theatre, 340 Mason St, SF. Info/res: 981-0260 or 552-2427.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Marilyn Pittman. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring lesbian & gay performers sign-up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Women's Writers Wkshop spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-8 pm today & 2/17. 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

New Moon Magic Circle: Come mark the beginning of a new cycle, celebrate the feminine energy & magic of the moon. 7-9 pm, $7-12 SL donation. Led by Linda & Susana at Gifts of the Goddess, 973 Valencia St, SF. Info: 647-8406.

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight & 2/10 for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm. All bisexuals & bi-friendly others are welcome! For info/calendar: Pierre 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight for food, drink & conversation at the Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph at Parker. 7:30 pm. All bisexuals & bi-friendly others are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.

Monday Night Marsh series: A venue for new work 15-20 minutes in length. Tonight's program: Roberta D'Alois' "Why I Will Never Be a Contestant on Jeopardy", Deborah Lewis' "Natural Geographic Special," Kate Perry's "My Name is Kate Perry & I've Been Drinking." 8:30 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

Electric City Gay/Lesbian TV Show features Dviana, Lulu & a literal lesbian explosion. 10:30 pm on SF cable channel 35. For program details & info on other dates this month, call 861-7131.

FEB 4 / T U E

Giving up the Dead-End Job: Free in-

PARENTS & KIDS BOX

Lesbian/Gay Parents Support Group of Ministry of Light meets in February. Childcare provided, $2 per family. For location & program info call 457-1115.

Prospective Queer Parents Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.

Golden Gate Boys Choir & Bellringers holds their winter auditions thru 2/15. Open to all interested boys ages 7 and up, with unchanged voices. No previous musical training is necessary. 75-member choir includes boys from 5 Bay Area counties, offers boys & young men musical instruction & the chance to develop their talent. Rehearsal sites held in several convenient Bay Area locations. For info or to schedule an audition appt call (510) 887-4311.

Rainbow's End Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Youth Group for ages 23 & under meets Thurs evenings. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors; 7-9 pm group time. 2/6, 13 & 20. For location & other info call 457-1115.

Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Friday nights for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies, star clusters & nebulae thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope or a 6-inch refractor telescope. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway round the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.

For Kids at La Pena: 2/2—Merill Collins & guest African drummer & dancers perform original audience-participation songs with global themes; 10:30 am, $3 adults, $2 kids. 2/9—Special Sunday Kids Show with *Gemini*—rousing singalongs, with songs from around the world; 4 pm, $5 adults, $3 kids. 2/8—Alisa Peres & Maxina Ventura perform songs from Appalachia to the Andes; 10:30 am, $3 adults, $2 kids. 2/15—Movement & Dancing with Linda Harrour & songs with Nancy Raven; 10:30 am, $3 adults, $2 kids. 2/29—Puppets & stories with Denys Adida; 10:30 am, $3 adults, $2 kids. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Plum City Players group of storytellers, songwriters & musicians present programs of original music & international folklore for kids & their parents at La Pena Cultural Center: 10:30 am on 2/22, 3/28 & 4/25. Kids $2, grownups $3. Info: (510) 845-5095 or (510) 222-6931.

"Don't Count Your Chickens Until They Cry Wolf," musical comedy by Carol Lynn Pearson, presented by the New Conservatory Children's Theatre Co & School. Series of vignettes exploring Aesop's fables. Every Sat & Sun afternoon at 3 pm, 2/1-3/1 at New Conservatory Theatre Complex, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Tix $11 adults, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 861-8972.

Cody's for Kids (and their parents): Cody's celebrates Black History Month with a reading by storyteller Awele Makeba. Stories from African and African American sources. A very special afternoon—2/29, 1 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Black History Month Celebration at Cody's Books: 2/27 at 8 pm. Thulani Davis reads from the extraordinary coming-of-age novel, *1959*. See Main Calendar listing for details.

Readings in Honor of Black History Month at Gaia Bookstore: Rinna Evelyn Wolfe reads from her book for young people, *Mary McLeod Bethune*. Joyce Elaine Noll reads from *The Company of Prophets: African-American Psychics, Healers & Visionaries;* see 2/4 listing, Main Calendar, or call (510) 848-GAIA.

Black History Month Wkshops & Performances at the Randall Museum, for parents & kids. No pre-reg required, admission a first-come, first-served basis, art wkshops are space-limited. Program: 2/15, 1-3 pm, $1—**Mask Making,** with Kemit Amenophis. Make masks exploring your own creativity, see Kemit's series of portraits of contemporary African Americans, inspired by Nigerian artwork from the area of Nok. At 3:15 pm—**Douglass Latchkey Performers**—a special Black History Month performance by schookids, free. 2/22, 1-3 pm, $1—**The Heritage of African American Quilting Wkshop** with Karen Hampton. Learn techniques & traditions of African American quilting. At 3:15 pm, $1 adults, kids 25 cents—**Storytelling** with Anita Jones. Stories in the African American tradition. 2/29, 1-3 pm, $1—**Doll Making Wkshop** with Shanju (Judy Shannon). Come to the world of the magical dollmaker, make your own personal doll. At 3:15 pm, free—**Miraloma School African American History** performance—music, dance, storytelling & history. For info on any of these events, call 554-9600. 199 Museum Way, SF.

The People Who Hugged The Trees: Author Judith Nasaw reads from her book about the tree-hugging people of India at Gaia Bookstore's storytelling hour. Beautifully illustrated, the book teaches children that their actions can bring about great change on the planet. 2/2, 11 am, free. 1400 Shattuck Ave at Rose, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-GAIA.

Children's Kite Festival: 2/9, 11:30 am-3:30 pm at Pier 39, SF. Young artists from Bay Area elementary schools compete for prizes in the ancient Chinese art of kite decorating. Also booths, entertainment. Free. Event part of the Chinese New Year celebrations, call the New Year Festival Committee 391-9680 for details.

Chinese New Year Parade: 2/15, 6-8 pm. See Main Calendar listing or call 391-9680 for details.

Chinese New Year's Activities for Kids & Parents at the Randall Museum: All ages welcome, kids under 8 must bring an adult. No pre-reg required for wkshops, but space is limited & reg is on a first-come, first-served basis, sign-ups begin at 12:30. Schedule: 2/1, $4 per person—**Lion Head Making**, with Leslie Yee Murata. The magnificent lions which dance in the Parade frighten away evil spirits & bring prosperity—come make wearable lion heads which can be used in the following Saturdays's Lion Dancing wkshop. 2/8, $4 per person—**Lion Dancing Wkshop** with Brian Fong. An intro to the basic folklore related to Chinese Lion Dancing. Also listen to & play instruments that accompany the Lion Dance, and learn a few simple steps. For more info on these events call 554-9600. 199 Museum Way, SF.

2nd Annual Tet Festival: 2/1, see Main Calendar listing for details.

Kidshows at Ft Mason: Kidshows, a performance arts series for kids ages 3-8, presents master puppeteer Marshall Izen in "Mozart, Monsters & Matisse." Izen presents a fantastic underwater tale in the style of Matisse, to the accompaniment of music by Mozart. 2/2, $5. Call (510) 841-0211 for details.

SF Children's Opera presents "The Emperor's New Clothes" at Herbst Theatre, SF. 2/1, 2:30 pm, $10. Info/res: 386-9622.

Encampment for Citizenship sponsors an annual (since 1946) 6-wk residential program for a diverse group of 50 youth interested in social issues & bettering their communities. This unique, multicultural program for teenagers (16-19) is held 7/5-8/14 in the SF Bay Area. Youth perform community service projects, enjoy cultural/artistic events, and take part in several in-depth small-group workshops on a variety of issues. Some issues under consideration for this summer's program include: health & poverty, int'l issues, human rights, racism & sexism, immigration, labor issues, youth empowerment, drugs, the environment, education and economics. For info/application write Encampment for Citizenship, 2530 San Pablo Ave, Ste B, Berkeley 94702 or call (510) 548-8908. Space is very limited & early application strongly advised for first priority & financial aid. Scholarships awarded based on family need. $35 application fee will be waived for applications postmarked by March 2, 1992.

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"The Saga of the Six Chick Dicks" at Exit Theatre—OnStage has details.

dividual finance & self-employment workshop. For details call AK Burditt, MPA; 626-1372, ext 2. Today & 2/11.
Holly Hughes, controversial lesbian performer, brings her show, "World Without End," to Josie's Cabaret. A provocative 90-min performance combining lyrical & painful poetry with kick-ass standup. 8 pm, $10. Tonight & 2/11.
Lavender Lounge TV Dance Party for Gay Boys & Girls features "Victor/Victoria's Secret, Part I" an outrageous underwear party. Miss Kitty and the Clipped-Out Recipes sing an old standard, & RAM Studios show an erotic video collage. 1:30 pm, SF cable channel 25.
Marin BACW Dines Out! Today's the deadline for dinner reservations, see 2/9 listing for details.
BACW/Sonoma Business Mtg: Come help Sonoma County Bay Area Career Women plan new events. Info/location: Louise (707) 833-2303 or Dorothy: (707) 833-1196.
Bisexual Support Group spons by Ministry of Light, the Center for Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Concerns of Marin County. 8-sessions, Tuesday eves. $15-20 SL fee per session. Co-facilitated by Kate Brage, LCSW & Kenny Altman. Info/reg: Ministry of Light 457-1115.
Black History Month reading at Gaia Bookstore with authors Joyce Elaine Noll (*The Company of Prophets: African American Psychics, Healers & Visionaries*) and Rinna Evelyn Wolfe (*Mary MacLeod Bethune*). 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-GAIA.
Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Classical nude modeling/life drawing for gay men. Posterboy Marcus Allen models. 7 pm, $12. Info/res: 621-6294. 1229 Folsom St, SF.
Somatic Explorations: Discovering & Re-Visioning Our Inner Life Thru the Body—an 8-wk movement therapy group for gay & bisexual men. Led by Jamie McHugh, MA, RMT, of Tamalpa Institute. Utilizes movement, drawing, bodywork, breath & sound work and dialogue to generate self-discovery, mutual support & positive life choices. Tues 7-9:30 pm thru 3/24 in Fairfax. Limited to 7 men. $200. Call Jamie 258-0975 for info/res.
"Love is Where You Find It," a talk by Jonathan, minister at Amron. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
Seeking Your Spiritual Path: Ongoing series of free workshops by Bert Herrman at Rest Stop Support Center. 7-9 pm. This week's topic: "Role Playing vs Being Yourself." Everyone welcome. 134 Church St, SF. Info: Erik 621-1701.
Women's Spirituality Group spons by the Ministry of Light meets 7:30 pm. Program: Drumming circle led by Barbara Borden. Please bring a drum if you have one, or a musical instrument. Christ Presbyterian Church, 620 Del Ganado, corner of Freitas Parkway & Del Ganado, Terra Linda. $5 donation requested. Info: 457-1115.
HIV Couples Group: 8-wk support group spons by Kairos House accepting registrations. For gay couples with one or both partners living with HIV. Group meets Tues eves 7:30-9 pm at Kairos, 114 Douglass St, SF. Info/reg: 861-0877.
The LAB Music Series begins with a performance by SF-based composer & computerist Donald Swearingen. 9 pm, $3. Cafe Du Nord, 2170 Market St, SF. Info: 346-4063.

FEB 5 / W E D

Free Theater Classes offered by Rest Stop Support Center. Learn theater games, improv, production.
Pansy Division, queer rock band at Faster Pussycat Club at the Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. 11 pm, $4. 21 & over. See you there!
Comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's—see 2/1.
Men's Discovery Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:30 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Today's topic: "Valentine's Day: Will You Be Mine?" Led by George Birimisa. Info: 626-7000.
She's My Sister: sitcom explores the gensions that develop when Sparkle, a nightclub singer, moves in with her sister Davia, an earnest, hardworking law student living in SF. Program airs Wednesdays at 3:30 pm thru 3/4 on SF cable channel 25.
Bi-Friendly UC meets tonight & 2/12 for a support group followed by social on the UC Berkeley campus, Douglas Fir Room, ASUC Bldg. All members of the Berkeley/UCSF communities & their friends (all "university-identified" people) are welcome. 6:30 pm. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
Mummification Wkshop for Gay Men: Spons by Bondage Buddies. A hands-on learning experience. Taught by sex writer *Drummer* editor Joseph Bean. Space limited. Call 292-3228 for details. $15.
Shanti Volunteer Opportunity Night: An eve for people interested in becoming Shanti volunteers & assisting people with AIDS & their loved ones. 7 pm at Shanti Project, 525 Howard St, SF. Info: Barbara Linn or Stephanie Ruby-Klink at 777-2273.
SF Hiking Club Monthly Mtg/Social: 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Recreational Center, Collingwood nr 18th St (behind Cala Market), SF. Clyde Wahrhaftig shows slides of a recent trip to Sierra Juarez & Sierra San Pedro Martir, two mountain ranges with fir & pine forests in northern Baja California.
At Black Oak Books: Autor Harry Crews (*The Knockout Artist, Body*) reads from his new novel, *Scar Lover,* a story of love & redemption with almost Faulknerian intensity & beauty. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.
Video Night at La Pena: See *Venceremitos* (1990, 60 min), video of kids from around the world encountering each other at Cuba's month-long International Youth Festival. Director Gail Dolgin is present at screening. Also see *La Brigada Vencermos—13ra Contingente* (1983, 60 min, color, bilingual), a documentary about the brigades and their experiences in Cuba. 7:30 pm, $3-5. Proceeds benefit scholarships to Cuba. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
A Special Evening with Adrienne Rich: Don't miss this lesbian feminist poet, a leading voice in contemporary US literature. She reads from her latest book of poetry, *An Atlas of the Difficult World,* as well as newer works, and is introduced by the Mexican author Sara Levi Calderon (*The Two Mujeres*). 7:30 pm, $5-10 SL donation benefits the Modern Times Bookstore Expansion Fund. Event held at New College, 777 Valencia St, SF. Adv tix available at Modern Times. Info: 282-9246.
Codependents Anonymous Group for lesbians, gays & others meets 7:30 pm at the City of Refuge Bldg, 754 14th St, SF, "Over the Hump" CODA group's new location. 1 1/2 hr support mtg. Info: Nancy 255-7560. Tonight & 2/12.
Wkshop on Eating Disorders iwth Dean radetsky at A New Leaf, the Recovery Resource Store. 7:30 m, 454 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.
SF Hiking Club Mtg & Social: 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr on Collingwood nr 18th St (behind Cala Market), SF. Clyde Wahrhaftig shows slides of a recent trip to Sierra Juarez & Sierra San Pedro Martir, two mountain ranges with fir & pine forests in northern Baja California.
Andrei Codrescu Poetry Reading at Southern Exposure Gallery: Codrescu reads from *Belligerence,* and new work. 8 pm, $5. Spons by Intersection for the Arts & Southern Exposure. Info: Kate Moses 626-2787 or Jon Winet 863-2141. Also see 2/6 & 7.
New Music at the Marsh series features composer, didgeridoo player & multi-instrumentalist Stephen Kent. 8 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.
Poetry at Cody's with Christina Hauck & Anne Cheng. 8 pm, $2. Upstairs at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

FEB 6 / T H U

Help Battered Women Help Themselves: Training begins today for volunteers with WOMAN, Inc, a battered women's agency in SF which provides 24-hr crisis line, counseling services, legal clinics, walk-in center, Lesbian Services, and info & referrals. Learn crisis intervention & counseling skills. Bilingual women & women with daytime availability are especially needed. Info: Jeanie 864-4777.
"butchfemmelezziedykefag," with comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/1 listing for details.
Stress First AID for the Working Woman: How to Keep Cool When You're Under Attack: A lecture by BJ Epstein, PhD. Dr Epstein presents her action-oriented approach to stress management for the working woman. Learn practical, workable strategies for decreasing stress. Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center & the Academic Business Officers Group (ABOG). Toland Hall, UCSF. Info: 476-0400.
Shanti Project Annual Mtg: Hosted by corporate & foundation benefactors of the Project and members of Shanti's Board of Directors, the meeting reports on the Project's activities in 1991. 5:30-7 pm. Shaklee Corporation 2nd fl conference room, 444 Market St, SF.
Getting to Know Ourselves & Others thru Reading, Writing & Discussion: Wkshop spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center, facilitated by Dana Whitaker. 8-wk course, Thurs thru 3/26, 5:30-8 pm. Read, discuss & write about fiction & nonfiction literature, music & film featuring women of color. $102 course, novels & handouts. No one turned away for lack of funds. Pre-reg required. Call 476-5836.
Rainbow's End lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group meets, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.
Stop Hate Violence Against Sexual Minorities: Help organize in Alameda County. Meet 7-9 pm at Temescal Branch, Oakland Public Library, 5205 Telegraph Ave. Info: Kyle Richmond 547-0840.
"Simone Weil: Philosophy, Pacifism & Purity," the third lecture in Robert McDermott's "Modern Spiritual Masters" lecture series. Talk covers several topics including Weil's enigmatic witness to the truth, politics & pacifism, critique of the beast, words of wisdom & waiting for God. 7-9 pm. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.
At Gaia Bookstore: Jeneen Roth, author of *When Food is Love: Exploring the Relationship Between Food & Love,* discusses the five patterns eating & loving share in common: excessive fantasizing, wanting what is forbidden, creating drama, the need to be in con-

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FEBRUARY EVENTS 1992

EDWARD VILLELLA February 10, Monday, 8:00 PM
Edward Villella, the greatest male star in the history of American ballet, has created a book that is as much a biography of his difficult mentor Balanchine as it is an autobiography. In *Prodigal Son: Dancing for Balanchine in a World of Pain and Magic,* Villella tells what it was like to be a scrappy street kid in a world of princes and princesses, about the privilege and pain of working under Balanchine, and about his own unrelenting passion for dance, which drove him to rebel against Balanchine and find his own way. Join us for a very special evening.

HERBERT GOLD February 11, Tuesday, 8:00 PM
San Francisco author Herbert Gold will discuss, *Best Nightmare on Earth: A Life in Haiti,* now available in a paperback edition. *Best Nightmare on Earth* is Gold's exploration of his personal experience in Haiti, a land of unimaginable misery and unpredictable grace. From conversations with CIA saboteurs and former Nazis to cockfights and hunts for pirate treasure, Gold captures the essence of a place where paradox and violent extremes abound, and tragedy is the music people dance to.

JOSEPHINE HART February 12, Wednesday, 8:00 PM
British author Josephine Hart will read and discuss *Damage,* her powerful first novel, soon to be made into a movie by filmmaker Louis Malle. *Damage* is an exploration of one man's erotic obsession with his son's fiancee, and the damage his obsession causes in his life and the lives of others. Hart creates a tightly told, emotionally charged story that plumbs the darkness of the human soul.

GLORIA STEINEM February 15, Saturday, 2:00 to 4:30 PM
Feminist Superstar Gloria Steinem will discuss and sign her new book, *Revolution From Within: A Book of Self-Esteem.* Steinem believes that without an inner recognition of our worth, we cannot sustain the strength and stamina that movements for social change require. *Revolution From Within* recounts Steinem's own search for self-worth, and explores the stories of other men and women. This book is an inspiration for us all.

SARA PARETSKY February 16, Sunday, 2:00 to 4:00 PM
Sara Paretsky will read *Guardian Angel,* her seventh and newest book featuring funky feminist private eye V.I. Warshawski. Once again, Warshawski battles the forces of white collar greed and corruption, this time by coming to the aid of two elderly neighbors and uncovering a nest of corporate vipers. "Chicago private detective V.I. Warshawski abruptly shakes off stereotypes to become more believeable and more complex with each appearance... Among today's PIs, nobody comes close to Warshawski." —*Publishers Weekly*

HENFIELD PRIZE WINNERS February 18, Tuesday, 8:00 PM
Cody's is pleased to welcome Bay Area Henfield Prize Winners Molly Giles, Brad Owens, and Fenton Johnson, who will read from their work in *The Henfield Prize Stories.* This new collection brings together in one volume all the stories that have won the award, from its inception in 1980 through 1990. Molly Giles received the Henfield in 1981, Fenton Johnson in 1986, and Brad Owens in 1991.

BOB AND WENDY WEIR February 22, Saturday, 1:00 to 3:00 PM
Grateful Dead guitarist and singer Bob Weir and his sister, Wendy Weir, will discuss and sign their book and tape, *Panther Dream: A Story of the African Rainforest.* Based upon the relationship between the Buri farmers and the Mbuti Pygmies in central Zaire, *Panther Dream* is a story that will inspire and educate children and adults about the need to preserve the fragile balance of nature in the African rainforest. The accompanying tape, composed and arranged by Bob Weir, fuses together rhythm, melody, percussion and jungle sounds.

CHARLES TART February 24, Monday, 8:00 PM
UC Davis Professor Charles Tart, one of the world's leading experts on consciousness and human potential, has devoted more than 20 years to scientific research in parapsychology, altered states, hypnosis, meditation, dreams, mind-body relationships, and humanistic and transpersonal psychology. The result is *Open Mind, Discriminating Mind: Reflections on Human Possibilities,* in which Hart brings the world of science into the world of the spirit. This fascinating collection of essays explores the latest scientific findings about paranormal phenomena, and challenges our hard-won beliefs about where reality truly ends.

GAY TALESE February 25, Tuesday, 8:00 PM
Gay Talese, one of America's most highly regarded writers of non-fiction and author of *Honor Thy Father, Thy Neighbor's Wife,* and *The Kingdom and the Power,* will discuss *Unto the Sons,* his new epic work on Italian immigrants in America. Using his own family's story as the framework, Talese has created a masterful historical tapestry, tracing his family's fortunes from a small, 19th-century Italian village to the present. Talese spent 10 years doing research in preparation for this work. *Unto the Sons* is sure to become a classic study of the immigrant experience.

THULANI DAVIS February 27, Thursday, 8:00 PM
In 1959 Billie Holiday died, rhythm and blues played day and night on the "race stations," Martin Luther King, Jr., raised political consciousness in black churches across the South, and Willie Tarant, heroine of Thulani Davis' extraordinary first novel, *1959,* turned twelve. Before the year is over, Willie's home town of Turner, Virginia, has its first experience of civil rights-inspired violence and is rocked by the tremors of integration. With power, poignance, and brutal honesty, *1959* tells the story of Willie's coming of age in a world on the brink of change.

AWELE MAKEBA February 29, Saturday, 1:00 PM
Codys' for Kids (and their parents) celebrates Black History Month with storyteller Awele Makeba. Awele has told stories throughout the United States, Australia, and what was known as the Soviet Union. She will be presenting stories from African and African-American sources. Come join us for a very special afternoon.

If you cannot attend, place call (510) 845-7852 to reserve an autographed copy.

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Marin BACW Business Mtg: Bay Area Career Women meet to plan activities/events. 7-9 pm. For info/location call Nancy 389-0772.

GLAAD Mtg: Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation holds an open discussion of recent defamations & GLAAD reactions. 7 pm. 514 Castro St, #B, SF. Info: 861-4588.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap meets 7-9:30 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Berkeley. Tonight's topic: "Creative Non-Monogamy," discussion facilitated by Marilyn. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Fright Night II: The Return of Thadeus Dockrey—Storyteller Belinda Sullivan celebrates the art of the spoken word tonight at La Pena as she brings to life an entire troupe of characters, taking her audience down a dark & frighteningly hell-arious path—Not recommended for kids under 8 years old. 7:30 pm, $7-10. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

An Eve with Taoist Master Share K. Lew at SF Jewish Community Center: Master Lew gives a gen'l intro to several Taoist arts including Tui Na (Chinese massage), herbs and foods used for medicine, Nui Kung (exercise to improve health & vitality, Tai Chi Ruler (increase circulation & energy and Taoist meditation. Master Lew also demonstrates a transference of energy from his hands to another person. Also group meditation & energy circle. 7:30 pm, $8. 3200 California St, SF. Also see 2/8.

At Black Oak Books: Mona Simpson reads from her long-awaited second novel, *The Lost Father*. Ann Stevenson, the main character in Simpsons' acclaimed first novel, *Anywhere But Here*, reclaims her original name, Mayan, and sets off in search of the Egyptian father she never knew. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

What Now? 8-wk support group for people who have just found out that a partner or friend has tested positive for HIV. Registrations being accepted now for this group where you can safely share your fears & concerns. Group meets Thurs eves 7:30-9 pm at Kairos, 114 Douglass St, SF. Info/reg: 861-0877.

At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: Feminist witch Z Budapest reads from her new book, *Grandmother Moon: Lunar Magic in Our Lives* and shares lunar lore about peace, health & energy; discusses living our lives in harmony with the moon. 8 pm, $3-10 SL fee benefits Old Wives Tales, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Betty Bethards, mystic, healer & author of *The Dream Book* and *Be Your Own Guru*, lectures on "Affirmations & Visualizations." 8 pm, $9 gen'l, $6 srs & youth. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.

'Exquisite Corpses & Their Epigones,' a talk by poet/novelist/essayist Andrei Codrescu. 8 pm at Southern Exposure Gallery, 401 Alabama St, SF. Spons by Intersection for the Arts and Southern Exposure. $5 gen'l. Info: Kate Moses 626-2787 or Jon Winet 863-2141. Also see 2/5 & 7.

At the I-Beam tonight: *Tooth & Nail* and *Sweetwater*, from Seattle. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

Lavendar Lounge TV Dance Party for Gay Boys & Girls presents a repeat performance of "Dead Celebrities," a sneak preview of the new musical at the Victoria Theatre, "Whatever Happened to BB Jane," plus queer rock 'n' roll with *Pansy Division*. 1:30 pm, SF cable channel 25.

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Shanti Practical Support Volunteer Training: today thru 2/9. Volunteers are needed to provide practical support to people with AIDS in SF. Early sign-up required, call Barbara Linn or Stephanie Ruby-Klink at 777-2273.

Comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret in "butchfemmelezziedykefag." See 2/1.

Single Men's Wkend at Sherwood Forest Resort, Russian River. A fun filled weekend for single guys—parties, games, hiking & bicycling, winery tour, guest speakers, delicious dinners & more. Info/res: (707) 869-1801 or (800) 453-7473.

Rafiki House Garden Celebration spons by the SF Black Coalition on AIDS, the SF League of Urban Gardeners, and the SF Senators. Dedication ceremony from 3-4 pm. Rafiki House is a community-based transitional housing facility for African Americans with HIV. SF League of Urban Gardeners has designed a beautiful garden in the backyard of Rafiki House to provide a peaceful contemplative space for residents, also outdoor meeting space & communal garden beds for therapeutic gardening.

Learn at Lunch Series: spons by West Coast Institute, an addiction education & counseling center. 12:15, free. Reservations required, call 585-5212 for details.

Abe Polonsky Tribute at SF State: Cinematic tribute to writer/director Abe Polonsky. Several films (*Body & Soul, Force of Evil, Tell Them Willy Boy is Here*) by Polonsky, who was blacklisted for refusing to cooperate with the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings of the 1950s, will be screened. 4-10 pm tonight, 9 am-5 pm tmw. Mr Polonsky present for discussion. Little Theatre, Creative Arts Bldg, SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Free admission. Info: Cinema Department 338-1629.

Single Men's Wkend on the Russian River: tonight thru Sun. Fun-filled, activity-packed weekend for single men who'd love to meet new friends, learn new skills, and have a hell of a good time while they're at it! Speakers, games, hiking, dancing, hikes, delicious food & more! Spons by Sherwood Forest & Camelot resorts. Info/reg: (707) 869-1801 or (707) 869-2538.

TGIF with Southbay BACW: Celebrate the end of the week with Bay Area Career Women at Selections, 1984 Old Oakland Rd, San Jose. 5:30-9 pm, $4. Picture ID required.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Roz Dean, one of the author's of *One in Three: Women with Cancer Confront an Epidemic*, an anthology of anger & hope, speaks about this epidemic which touches so many of our lives. 7 pm, free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Intro to S/M Class at Good Vibrations: Curious about exploring erotic role playing thru dominance & submission, experimenting with intense sensation or learning bondage techniques? Attend this workshop—a safe space to learn more about the variety of erotic activities available to all of us. Presentation includes info on safety, sex toys, local educational & social organization, & recommended readings. Taught by Sybil Holiday & William Henkin. Women & men of all sex-styles are welcome! 7-9 pm, $20. Pre-reg required. Call 550-7399 for info. 1210 Valencia St, SF.

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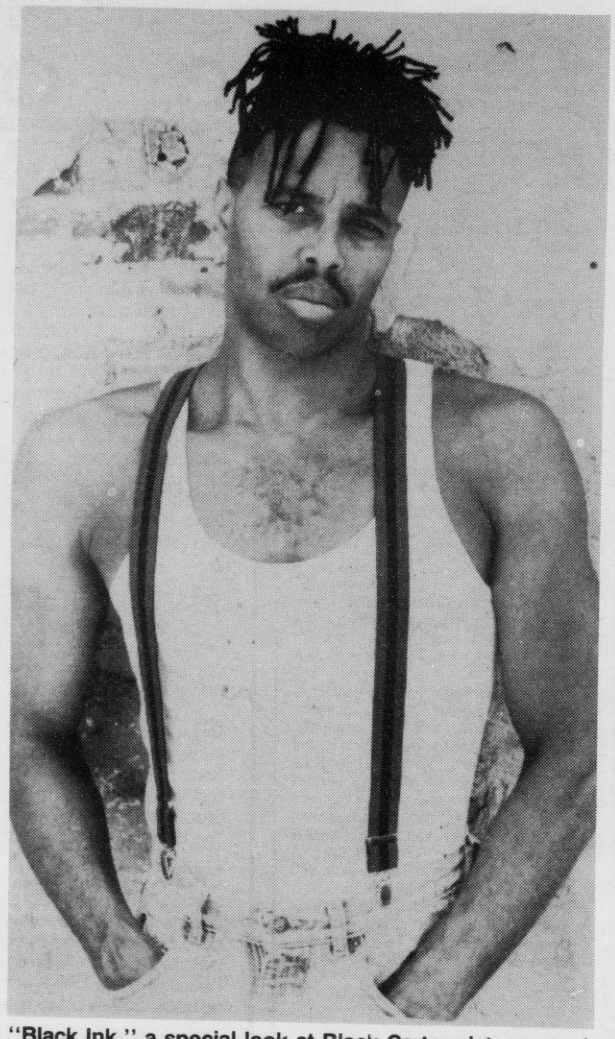
"The Buddhist Self & the Western Self: Zen Practice & Conventional Reality," a lecture/wkshop with Richard Baker-Roshi. Penetrates the distinctions btwn one's experiences of the self as they are distilled from conventional reality & the experiences that emerge from the practice of zazen. 7-9 pm tonight, 10 am-4 pm Sat & Sun. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Shabbat Gathering of Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & their women friends: Let go of the week and your work—join us & bring in Shabbat with song, food, shmooze & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! 7:30 pm. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish. Eastbay location this month, for info/directions call (510) 261-0819 before today.

All Hearts Beating: A Participatory Performance with Barbara Borden and special guests: India Cooke, violin; Suru Ekeh, African drums; Terry Garthwaite, vocals; plus the Percussion Chorus (Marilee Eckert, Kyos Featherdancing, Barbara Harwood & Iliani Matisse). Come create a community of soundmakers telling stories & discovering the joys of expression without competition. 8 pm tonight & tmw, $14 at door, $12 adv. Marin Community Playhouse, 27 Kensington Rd (near the Seminary), San Anselmo. Info/res: 456-8555. Bring a drum and/or your rhythmic self.

Hollywood Movie Classics series continues at Oakland's Paramount Theatre with *Dark Victory*. 8 pm. Doors open at 7 pm for entertainment with organist Jim Riggs on the Wurlitzer, followed by a newsreel, cartoons, trailers, game prizes & the feature film. 2025 Broadway at 21st, Oakl. Info: (510) 465-6400.

Over 40, Single & Looking: Chem-free wkend workshop (tonight at 8 pm thru Sun 2/9 at 3 pm) for single lesbians who would rather be in a relationship. Discuss dating, how to meet new women, celibacy, loneliness, feeling good now, casual sex, friendship & more. $175-250 SL fee includes food & lodging. Carpools arranged. At Pajaro Dunes (beachfront house 2 hours south of SF).



"Black Ink," a special look at Black Cartoonists opens in February. Pictured: Steven Corbin. Galleries has details.

Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

Talk About A Class Act! Readings of poetry, fiction & essays from *Sinister Wisdom* #45, Lesbians & Class, by some of the dykes who wrote & edited the issue. 8 pm, $2-7 SL. Reservations suggested. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Also see 2/13.

Gay & Lesbian French Club: The "Cercle d'amis francophones" meets tonight at 8 pm. Come practice French, meet new people, enjoy a delicious potluck meal. Meet at Alan's home, 1070 Haight St nr Baker, SF. All welcome! Please bring something to eat or drink.

Andrei Codrescu & Friends: Reception & reading at the Rena Bransten Gallery, 77 Geary St, SF. 8 pm, $5. Spons by Intersection for the Arts & Southern Exposure. Info: Kate Moses 626-2787 or Jon Winet 863-2141. Also see 2/5 & 6.

Mahlathini and the *Malhotella Queens* at Mountain View Center: Mahlathini, known as the "Lion of Soweto" and her soul trio, the *Mahotella Queens* present a concert of dance-happy music blending traditional South African tribal rhythms with modern electric instrumentation. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts' MainStage. Tix $24, $22 & $20. Info/res: 903-6000.

Moroccan Music Concert at La Pena: Celebration of traditional Moroccan music with Yassir Chadley. 8 pm, $7. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Bay Area Balkan Ensemble in Concert at KBBK Studios: Five musicians who love to play Bulgarian folk music. Night of haunting, beautiful melodies. 8 pm, $8. Limited seating. Info/res: 563-9046. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF.

Tinkerbell Revisited: A video/variety show celebrating the legendary 1991 Spirit of Tinkerbell Drumming Gathering held at the Wolf Creek Oregon Radical Faerie Sanctuary. Tonight at 8 pm sharp, at 194 Church St at 14th, SF. Program includes video of the gathering, as well as live performances by *The Temple Whores*, Ruven Hannah, Jason Serinus, Stephen Maxxxine & other soon-to-be-famous luminaries. $5-10 SL fee, proceeds benefit Nomenus & the Wolf Creek Sanctuary. No one turned away for lack of funds. Bring a pillow or blanket for seating. Info: Gary Reagan 863-1833 or the Radical Faerie Hotline: Tele-Faerie 626-3369.

Passion Plays at the Marsh: Antonia Allawatta performs *Bag Lady Blues*, performance reading of a work inspired by a chance encounter with a street person in NYC. Detroit poet Dominique Lowell performs new work drawn from the twisted street scenes of everyday life. Part of The Marsh's Spoken Word Savages series. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. 10:30 pm, $4.

FEB 8 / S A T

The Dance of Relationship: Wkshop with authors Jean Bolen (*Goddesses in Everywoman*) and Robert Moore (*King, Warrior, Magician, Lover*) focusing on how wom en & men can learn to come together, honoring both masculine & feminine consciousness while respecting our differences. Wkshop also includes dance by Arisika Razak, movement with Alan Ptashek & the drummers of the SF Taiko Dojo. 9 am-5 pm, $85. Scottish Rite Temple, SF. Info/reg: (510) 644-0107. Co-spons by the Men's Center Foundation & Gaia Bookstore.

Klubstitute Homophile Niteclub & Cabaret: The Modacryclic Players present a stage adaptation of David Lynch's "Wild at Heart." Starring Elvis Herselvis, Glamoretta Rampage. Directed by & also featuring—Flynda! Plus dancing after the show, with Miss Go Go Chanel. $4.98, half-price before 10 pm. 1751 Fulton St nr Masonic, SF. Info: Diet or Remix 826-5358.

"butchfemmelezziedykefag," with comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/1 listing for details.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Karen Ripley, Mark Davis & Scott Silverman. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Basic Home Repair: Plumbing Wkshop spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. 9 am-4 pm, $20-45 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Taught by Women Empowering Women, a nonprofit organization of women in the trades. Learn how to repair leaky faucets, unclog drains & discover what's in the tank at the back of the toilet. Get hands-on experience with the tools & materials related to home plumbing repair, practice cutting & joining plastic, iron & copper pipes. Pre-reg required, call 476-5836.

AIDS/HIV Nightline, spons by SF Suicide Prevention, seeks volunteers. Training provided. See 2/1 listing for details.

Lake Merritt/Oakland Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Meet 9:30 am at the corner of 14th & Oak Sts, in front of Cameron Stanford House. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Day Hike: Windy Hill Open Space Preserve (Skyline Blvd, San Mateo County, above Portola Valley), with SF Hiking Club. Moderate hike of 8.5 miles. Altitude gain from the stream to the parking area is 1,000 ft on an easy grade. Directions to trailhead from SF: Drive 33 miles south on Fwy 280 to Hwy 84, west on Hwy 84 for 7 miles to Hwy 35 (Skyline Blvd), then south on Hwy 35 for 2.5 miles. Park on the left (east) side of Skyline Blvd. To carpool, meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF. Roundtrip auto travel from SF: 90 miles. $9 cost to be shared among passengers. Peninsula hikers may meet at the trailhead at 10:30 am. Bring lunch, water & warm clothing. Rain cancels. Call hike leader Bob Spence (510) 483-7959 after 6 pm for details.

AB 101 Fair Employment Initiative Volunteer Mobilization, see 2/1 listing for details.

Chinese New Year Celebration with SF Heritage. 6th annual celebration. This year's program features "The Tray of Togetherness," an opportunity to sample traditional Chinese sweetmeats. Program begins with a lecture on the history of the Chinese in SF, given by Philip Choy. Lecture followed by an explanation of New Year customs by SF Heritage docents, and sweetmeat samplings; and a guided walk thru Chinatown. Program ends with an optional dim sum lunch at one of Chinatown's notable restaurants. $15, plus $10 for dim sum lunch. Info/reg: 441-3000.

2-Day Tai Chi Ruler Wkshop: Master Lew explains how to do the eight, non-strenuous exercises which are performed while holding a ruler. Learn an ancient practice increases & improves balance, stamina, concentration & healing. After one week of daily practice students should feel the movement of the Chi. Today & tmw, 10 am-4 pm, $150 fee, plus $12 for the crafted ruler. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info/reg: Betty Esthelle 333-9178.

SF Wrestling Club Wkout at 11 am, 172 Prentiss St, SF. Beginners & all skill levels are welcome! Info: Jim Frazier (510) 538-8490.

Strawberry Canyon Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. Intro to wildcrafting, plant lore, botanical pharmacology & recipes for teas & wild foods. Meet at noon at the Strawberry Canyon Fire Trail Head, below UC Berkeley Botanical Gardens, Centennial Drive, Berkeley. Info/directions: Adam Seller (510) 845-4028.

Beginning to Play Class with Sybil Holiday & William Henkin. Part of QSM's ongoing series of educational & artistic projects for the s/m community. Once you know some basic s/m techniques, how do you start to actually play? Sybil & Bill address more than a dozen issues that frequently occur for the novice top or bottom. $20. Doors open at noon, class 12:30-5:30 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Info: 550-7776.

Toward A Successful Future: An "internal marketing" workshop with Herb Kessner at A New Leaf: Recovery Resource Bookstore. Focus on individual empowerment. 1-4 pm, $35. 545 Magno lia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

***Oranges** Are Not the Only Fruit: Beeban Kidron's film adaptation of Jeanette Winterson's acclaimed lesbian coming of age story. Oranges* tells the tale of lesbian heroine Jess & her struggles with the evangelical madness of her mother, as she moves from childhood to young adulthood, coming into herself as a lesbian. This movie was a sell-out hit at the 1990 SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival. It screens at SF's Castro Theatre 3 times, today only—don't miss! Screenings: 1, 4:30 & 8 pm. $6 tix benefit Frameline & the 1992 Lesbian & Gay Film Festival. (Eastbay screening at the Pacific Film Archive in Berkeley on 2/25 at 8:30 pm, call (510) 642-1412 for details.) Adv tix for the Castro showing available at A Different Light Bookstore on Castro St.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Ric Isensee (*Love Between Men*) discusses his latest book, *Growing Up Gay in a Dysfunctional Family: A Guide for Gay Men Reclaiming Their Lives*. 3:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Bi-Friendly Play-Doh Party: Revert to childhood & get creative with other bisexuals. Play-Doh available, but you probably want to pick up some extra to augment the supply. 7:30 pm, Noe Valley location. Info: Robin 826-1636.

Tret Fure in Concert at the IMA Cultural Center in Bodega. 8 pm. Info: (707) 876-3004.

American Indian Dance Theatre performs at Palo Alto's Spangenberg Theatre, presented by The Lively Arts at Stanford. Program includes the Grass Dance, the Traditional Dance Suite, Homage to the Drum, the Bear Dance, the Fancy Shawl Dance, the Hoop Dance, the Mother Earth Round Dance, the Northwest Coast Suite, the Zuni Butterfly Dance, the Appreciation Song, the Apache Crown Dance and the Fancy Dance Suite. 8 pm, $20 & $18 gen'l, stdnts $3 discount. Info/res: (415) 725-ARTS, (510) 762-BASS or (408) 998-BASS.

Pink Party: GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance) spons a celebration of soul, love, culture, rites, family, dance, tribe & safesex. 8 pm-midnight, $5. Ft Mason Bldg C, SF. Room 215.

Diesel Cats & *The Jazz Explorers* in concert at KBBK Studios, 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. 8 pm, $8. Limited seating. Info/res: 563-9046.

All Hearts Beating: A participatory performance with Barbara Borden and friends at Marin Community Playhouse, see 2/7 listing for details. Final day!

An Eve of Malvina Spirit at Mama Bears: A celebration of the wit & wisdom of Malvina Reynolds, with singer/songwriter Judy Fjell and Malvina's daughter, storyteller Nancy Schimmel. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Salsa Dance Night at La Pena with KPFA's Rhythm Drive host Jose Ruiz. 9:30 pm, $5. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Genuine Diamelles, DeathGroveLove Party* featuring Garmaig de Forest, and *happygoingnowhere*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Holly Hughes' "Clitnotes," Late Night Marsh Show: One night only, in association with Life on the Water. Evening is "part reading, part improvisation, part talk show; performed without a net." She draws upon her experiences as an anorexic, a member of the DAR, a radical feminist, a Red Lobster waitress, a Jesus Freak, a lesbian, a champion bowler and an artist, resulting in a night of emotional, abrasive & surreal theater; witty, irreverent & controversial. 10:30 pm, $10. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

FEB 9 / S U N

SF Chinatown 8K Run/2 Mile Walk with Eastbay Frontrunners. 8 am. Join us for dinner at a Walnut Creek restaurant the night before the race. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

"butchfemmelezziedykefag," with comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/1 listing for details.

Needle Exchange: Volunteers urgently needed—see 2/2 listing for details.

13th Annual Free Music Marathon: Presented by the SF Conservatory of Music. 8 hrs of performances by Conservatory faculty, students & guest artists, concluding with a performance by the Conservatory Orchestra, directed by Denis de Coteau. Program includes works by Ginastera, Chavez, Villa-Lobos, Copland, Harbison, Thomson, Reich & Gershwin. 10 am-6 pm (program also broadcast live on KKHI Radio, 95.7 FM/1550 AM), Hellman Hall, SF Conservatory of Music, 19th Ave at Ortega St, SF. Free admission. Info: 759-3415.

What About My Needs? Wkshop for lesbian partners of sexual abuse survivors. Being partners with someone healing from sexual abuse can be confusing, painful & overwhelming. Learn the common patterns of the partner position, share experiences, discover new ways to take care of yourself. 10 am-5 pm, $70. Info/reg: Miriam Smolover, MFCC, (510) 835-3232.

Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Information for Self-Employed People: 1-day seminar spons by Options Institute, taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel. 10 am-4 pm, $60. SF location. Info: 821-1015.

Women's Spirit Circle: Open group meets 2nd & 4th Sun of each month to explore women's spirituality. Various discussion topics. 10:30 am-noon. Led by Linda Lywandowsky & Karen Van Hog at Gifts of the Goddess, 973 Valencia St, SF. Info: 647-8406.

AB 101 Fair Employment Initiative Volunteer Mobilization, see 2/1 listing for details.

Presidio Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. Intro to wildcrafting, plant lore, botanical pharmacology, and recipes for teas & wild foods. Meet at noon at Inspiration Point on Arguello Blvd, SF. Info/directions: Adam Seller (510) 845-4028.

IMA Wkshop w/Tret Fure on "The Wizardry of Sound: Interweaving Vibration & Silence." Noon-4 pm. For info/reg: (707) 876-3004.

Potluck Brunch for Men: Noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Bring a dish to share. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

Southbay FLSG Potluck: Join Feminist Lesbian Social Group for a potluck brunch at Kate's house in Redwood Estates. 1 pm. Newcomers welcome! Call (408) 353-4000 for directions.

MCC-SF Women's Brunch: All women interested in exploring a progressive, feminist approach to Christiani-

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"The Substance of Things Hoped For"—check OnStage for info.

ty are welcome to today's brunch spons by the women of Metropolitan Community Church-SF. Bring food if you can. 1:30 pm. Info: 863-4434.

Cheek to Cheek Dance Party: Celebrate Valentine's Day, Good Times, Great Friendship & have a good time at tonight's dance party spons by Cheek to Cheek, a same-sex partner dancing group. Dance lesson, entertainment, refreshments, performances by Cheek to Cheek dancers, and lots of dancing fun! 2-6 pm, $7. Metronome Ballroom, 1830 17th St, SF. Info: Jan (510) 638-1187.

GLOE Romance & Dance in the Afternoon: Join Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders for a pre-Valentine's Day dance with your honey! 3-6 pm, $10 at door. Sailboat Clubhouse, Lake Merritt, Oakl. Info: 626-7000.

ARTEA Chamber Orchestra presents a concert of chamber music in the Green Room, Veterans Bldg, Van Ness & McAllister Sts, SF. Program features the Beethoven Septet & the Schubert Octet. 4 pm, $15. Half-price for stdnts, srs & disabled. Info: 824-1234. Wheelchair Accessible.

Golden Gate Connection, a social club for heavyset gay men & their admirers, presents a potluck social from 4-8 pm at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF. Club provides lasagna, beer, wine & soda, you bring a dish. $6. Info: Bobbi 871-7870.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Multiple Personality Wkshop presented by Mairi McFall. McFall views multiple personality as a process for healing, as a creative & challenging survival technique, rather than a dysfunction to be healed from. Learn specific tools & techniques for getting to know your system & developing communication. 5 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Del Martin & Phyllis Lyon celebrate the 20th anniversary of their classic book, *Lesbian/Woman*. 5 pm. A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Marin BACW Dines Out! Join Bay Area Career Women for delicious seafood at the Pacific Cafe in Kentfield. Private room & space for 14 hungry gals—reservations required by 2/4, call Avril (383-6737) for details.

Sunday Songbird Jazz Series continues at Labodega Restaurant with Sherri Roberts. 7-9 pm, no cover. 1337 Grant St, SF. Info: 433-0439.

"Oh, Freedom!"—MCC-SF's observation of African American History Month continues with Rev Jim Mitulski speaking on "Sit-ins at Woolworth's, 1960: I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table," at tonight's 7 pm service. Metropolitan Community Church-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Benefit Concert with Mercedes Troncoso & Friends, plus the Brazilian capoeira group *Abada*. 7 pm, $7-10. Spons by the Latina group, Mujerio. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info (510) 849-2568.

At Black Oak Books: Vicki Hearne, author of *Adam's Task* discusses her new book, *Bandit: Dossier of a Dangerous Dog*, a chronicle of her attempt to save the life of a pit bull condemned to die for biting a stranger, the book is also an examination of the relationship of awareness & language between humans & dogs. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

The Jon Sugar Revue: a Gay Artists & Writers Kollective (GAWK) event at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 731-2424.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Danielle "Hell" Willis, Kathleen Ritchey, Suzette Partido, Dorothy Allison, and other contributors to the new anthology *Discontents* read from their work. Edited by Dennis Cooper, *Discontents* features "some of our most exciting, grim, high-strung, silly & gifted writers, with anything but typical views on culture." 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

East Bay Food Not Bombs & Big Mountain CB Radio Fund Benefit Party with *Grupo Muy Muy* and others in a night of music, dancing & fun at Ashkenaz Music & Dance Cafe, 1317 San Pablo Ave at Gilman, Berkeley. $5-$10 or more SL, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 644-4187.

FEB 10 / MON

Reading/Talking Women Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30-8:30 pm at 77 Waller St, SF. Potluck supper, discussion of Nadine Gordimer's *The Burgher's Daughter*. Info: 626-7000.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Marilyn Pittman. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Brooke Medicine Eagle, author of *Buffalo Woman Comes Singing*, teaches the tribal way of the Rainbow Medicine Path—healing thru ritual action, physical toning, drumming, chanting & dancing, dreamtime & the women's moon lodge. 7 pm, $6 or $3 with book purchase. Spons by Gaia Bookstore. Event takes place at the Jewish Community Center. For details call (510) 848-GAIA.

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight for food, drink & conversation, see 2/3 listing for details.

At Black Oak Books: South African author Andre Brink (*A Dry White Season, States of Emergency*) reads from his new novel, *An Act of Terror*, the story of a young couple with impeccable Afrikaner credentials and the events that lead to their decision to resort to terrorism in the face of an unjust government. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

Upstart Stage staged reading series continues with "Total Movie Freak" by Charles McQuary. Hollywood, the avenue of broken dreams, is challenged by an unassuming waiter & his offbeat enchantment with celluloid. 7:30 pm at LaVal's Subeterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. Small donation requested at door. Info: (510) 527-3123.

At Cody's Books: Edward Villella, the greatest male star in the history of American ballet, discusses his autobiography *Prodigal Son: Dancing for Balanchine in a World of Pain & Magic*. 8 pm. 8454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Monday Night Marsh series, a venue for new work 15-20 minutes in length, continues tonight with Joan Francios' "Cracks in the Corner", Roberta D'Alois' "Why I Will Never Be A Contestant on Jeopardy", Ruth Halpern's "The Exotic Erotic Ball" and Deborah Lewis' "Variations on a Theme." 8:30 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

KQED's Viewpoints Series features *FBI's War on Black America*, a powerful new documentary on the government's infiltration of Black radical movements. An informative & thought-provoking look at the FBI's Counter Intelligence Program, directed by Deb Ellis & Denis Mueller. 10 pm, KQED Channel 9.

FEB 11 / TUE

Giving up the Dead-End Job: See 2/4 listing for details.

Holly Hughes, lesbian playwright/performer, at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/4 listing for details. Final appearance!

"Victor/Victoria's Secret," part II of a wacky underwear party spons by Lavendar Lounge, TV Dance Party for Gay Boys & Girls. Stars the cartoonesque Richie Rich & the enchanting Enrique. 1:30 pm, SF cable channel 25.

Intro to Love Spells: Prepare for Valentine's Day—use magic to create more love in your life. Learn lovespells using stones, candles, and herbs. 7-9 pm, $7-12 donation. Led by Linda at Gifts of the Goddess, 973 Valencia St, SF. Info: 647-8406.

"The Past: Past Life Patterning & the Promise of Freedom," a talk by Diane Bechtle, MSW, at Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.

man2man: Buddy to Buddy: Meet other guys in an intimate place. 7-9 pm, free. At The Rest Stop, 134 Church St, SF. Info: Tommy 239-7839.

At Black Oak Books: Arlene Skolnick, research psychologist at UC-Berkeley's Institute of Human Development, discusses her book, *Embattled Paradise: The American Family in an Age of Uncertainty*, an enlightening look at the family from the 1920s to today, tracing the impact of feminism, technology, divorce & psychological gentrification on the fabric of American life. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

At Cody's Books: Author Herbert Gold discusses his book *Best Nightmare on Earth: A Life in Haiti*. Just released in paperback, the book is an exploration of Gold's personal experience of Haiti. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

FEB 12 / WED

Gay Scuba Trips: Undersea Expeditions, gay & lesbian scuba tour company, spons "Baja Busters," 3-day trip over the President's Day holiday (today thru 2/16. $699. For info call 398-2189.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit" at Josie's Cabaret. Hot on the heels of their hit show, "Fierce Love: Stories from Black Gay Life," this SF-based performance group of Black gay men return with a fresh crop of stories about Black gay life. Plays Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 3/8. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Marin BACW/Gloria Steinem event—today's the deadline for reservations, see 2/15 listing for details.

Older Lesbians Support Group: New group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets noon-2 pm today & 2/26. 1853 Market St, SF. Bring a bag lunch. Info: 626-7000.

Free Theater Classes at Rest Stop Support Center, see 2/5 listing for details.

Shared Housing Info Gathering: Monthly informational gathering for Oakland & Berkeley residents interested in sharing space in their home, or finding shared housing. 2:30 pm at 3102 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-9030.

Lesbian Uprising! Monthly Reading Group begins a 2-month discussion of Susan Faludi's exciting book, *Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women* (hardback, $24). Come to the discussion whether or not you've read the book. For location & other info call 626-7821.

NGLTF Mtg: Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Bi-Friendly UC meets 6:30 pm at UC Berkeley, see 2/5 listing for details.

BACW Sonoma Valentine's Day Dinner: Today's the deadline for reservations! Don't miss—see 2/15 listing for details.

Sonoma County Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club spons the first in a series of Candidate Forums tonight in the Forum Room, Sonoma County Library of Santa Rosa, 3RD & E St, Santa Rosa. 6:30 pm. Guest speaker: Denis Rice (D), who is running for the US Rep District 6 seat that will be vacated by Congresswoman Barbara Boxer (D). Talk, followed by question & answer period. Everyone welcome! The Club's gen'l membership meeting will follow the presentation.

Belonging to the Universe: Physicist/author Fritjof Capra and Benedictine monk/author Brother David Steindl-Rast discuss their book, an animated dialogue between two seekers investigating the parallels between science & religion. 7 pm, $3 or free with book purchase. Gaia Bookstore, 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-GAIA.

Be My Red Valentine Party spons by Girth & Mirth Club, a club for chubby gay men & their admirers. Prizes for the "hunkiest" and the "chunkiest" man plus a special prize for the man who wears the most red. Club provides refreshments. Lots of music, dancing & fun. 7:30 pm, $5. 176-B Page St, SF. Info: 824-0260.

Codependents Anonymous Group for lesbians, gays & others meets tonight, see 2/5 listing for details.

At Black Oak Books: Author John Ed Bradley (*Tupelo Nights, The Best There Ever Was*) reads from his new novel, *Love & Obits*, a playful, witty & oblique story about the trials & tribulations of newspaperman Joseph Burke. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

At Cody's Books: British author Josephine Hart reads & discusses her powerful first novel (soon to be made into a movie by filmmaker Louis Malle), *Damage*, an exploration of one man's erotic obsession with his son's fiancee, and the damage it causes in his life & the lives of others. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

"I'm Not Perfect," a one-man show with Ed Crasnick at SF Jewish Community Center. Exploration of the ironies of family, feelings, food & the kitchen table. Crasnick uses comic storytelling to talk about people-pleasing as a way of life, food addiction & coming to terms with human imperfections. 8 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Bondage/Harddick/Fun S/M Party for gay men, spons by Bondage Buddies. $10. For details call 292-3228.

Female Trouble features the 1st Annual Crimson Cotillion tonight, with a live performance by *Tribe 8*, plus special slide presentation by Phyliss Christopher. Dj Stefanie Phillips. At Brave New World, 1751 Fulton St at Masonic, SF. Info: 550-0148.

Explorer/author Peter Matthiessen speaks at Herbst Theatre, part of City Arts & Lectures' 2nd Annual Calif Academy of Sciences Conversation & Reading Series. 8 pm. Tix $14 & $12. Info: 392-4400.

New Music at the Marsh series continues with works by Barbara Imhoff, Stephen Kent & Diana Trimble—harp, vocals, original compositions & didgeridoo. 8 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

FEB 13 / THU

"Hard Time? Gender Bias & the Judicial System," a talk by the Honorable Judge Alice Lytle, in honor of Black Heritage Month. Judge Lytle, the first Black woman in the state of Calif to be appointed to the position of municipal court judge, discusses govt policies toward women & children within the framework of the Judicial Council's Task Force on Gender Bias & the judicial system. Noon-1 pm,

5th Annual Nat'l Black Gay & Lesbian Conference & Institutes: thru 2/17 at the Clarion Hotel, 455 Hegenberger Rd, Oakland. Includes speakers, workshops, plenary sessions, caucusing, cultural events, artists reception, banquet & dance; plus special one-day institutes focused on specific issues—AIDS, women's issues, spirituality, cultural & leadership development. For info/reg: (213) 666-5495.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit" at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/12 listing for details.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today & 2/27 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Rainbow's End lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group meets, see Parents & Kidsbox.

To Be a Man: *In Search of the Deep Masculine*. Author Keith Thompson discusses his new book on the unfinished work of the men's movement. 7 pm, $3 or free with book purchase. Gaia Bookstore, 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-GAIA.

Marin BACW Lesbian Book Talk: Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of sharing your favorite women's books. Call Sandy 457-1365 for info/location.

"MK Ghandi: Man, Mission & Message," 4th lecture in Robert McDermott's "Modern Spiritual Masters" lecture series. Topics covered include Ghandi's life & work, Bhagavadgita & Satayagraha, education towards forceful nonviolence & selfless action, examples & controversies. 7-9 pm. Info/reg: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Women's Pre-Valentine's Dance spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF. Start romancin' one day early! Drugs, alcohol & smoke-free space. 7-10 pm, $2-10 SL donation. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Love Conquers All: Dinner & cabaret to benefit the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Community HIV Project (GCHP). Pre-Valentine dinner at Ma-Tante Sumi. Cocktails at 7 pm, followed by a 5-course dinner prepared California style with nouvelle Japanese influence. Followed by a serenade of old & new

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At ClaireLight Women's Books: Lesbian erotica author Robbi Sommers reads from her new collection of short stories, *Kiss & Tell*. 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Palestine Slideshow at La Pena: George Baramki Azar, Middle East correspondent, presents a slideshow with images from his acclaimed book, *Palestine: A Photographic Journey*, as well as images never shown before from Lebanon, Iran & Iraq. Discussion follows. 7:30pm, $3-10.

Minnie Bruce Pratt, award-winning lesbian poet whose book, *Crime Against Nature*, won the Lamont Poetry Prize of the Academy of American Poets in 1989 & the American Library Association Gay & Lesbian Book Award, reads from her work tonight at the Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St, SF. 7:30 pm, $4. Spons by the SFSU's Poetry Center. Info: 338-1527 or 338-2227.

Photo by Sharon Farmer

Minnie Bruce Pratt reads Feb. 13.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7-9:30 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "Being Single: Pros & Cons," discussion facilitated by Cynthia. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

At Black Oak Books: Author Carol Shields (*The Orange Fish, Swann, Various Miracles*) reads from her new novel, *The Republic of Love*, a deeply moving novel on the persistence of love in an era that doubts its very existence. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuk Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

Touch of A Poet poetry reading series continues with reading by Edward Mycue & Geoffrey Cook at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave (one block north of San Pablo), Berkeley. 7:30 pm, free.

Tripnology, playwright Jonal Woodward's work, three one-act plays about American homelessness, prejudice, and the crack drug plague, runs tonight & tmw at 8 pm at Angelico Hall, Dominican College campus, 50 Acacia Ave, San Rafael. Info/res: 673-3131 or 485-3242.

Gloria Steinem in a lecture/reading at Herbst Theatre, part of City Arts & Lectures' "On Art & Politics" lecture series. 8 pm. Info: 392-4400. Tix $14 & $12.

An Eve of Performance Poetry at Cody's with Susan Terence, Irwin Rosen & David Frankel. 8 pm, $2. Upstairs at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: Local contributors to *Sinister Wisdom*'s Lesbian & Class issue give a reading & discussion. 8 pm, $3-10 SL fee benefits Old Wives Tales & Sinister Wisdom. No one turned away for lack of funds. ASL interpreted. Info: 821-4675. 1009 Valencia St, SF.

GALLERIES

Judah L Magnes Museum: Photographers Vision—A Festival of Photodocumentaries on Jewish Life, features four exhibitions thru 4/26. "Israel Today: Dreams & Reality," new photographs & interviews by Raisa Fastman. "My Love Affair with Miami Beach," color photography by Richard Nagler, with text by Isaac Bashevis Singer. "Faith & Survival: Ethopian Jewish Villages & Refugee Camps," color photos taken by Peggy Myers during ten years of medical relief work. "Ethiopian Jewry: Arrival in Israel," photos by Lianne Silberman. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm, closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: "Survivors:" A New Vision of Endangered Wildlife," photos by James Balog, of some of the world's rarest species currently threatened with extinction; on exhibit thru 2/23. "Zeke Berman: Optiks" exhibit of Berman's photos exploring a world of visual invention influenced by scientific theory; thru 3/8. "Parmelian Prints" by Ansel Adams, a series of images detailing a vital but relatively unsung aspect of Adams' photography; thru 2/16. "Michael Rovner: The Gulf War," pictures of war in the Persian Gulf taken from the troubled perspective of an Israeli living in the US at the time that scud missiles began striking Tel Aviv. Thru 3/1. 250 Fourth St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Broad Humor: Women Cartoonists of the Past, Present & Future," exhibit of original art by women cartoonists. Thru 5/16. Related special events: *Twisted Sisters: A Collection of Bad Girl Art*. 2/1, 1-4 pm: Slideshow with comic artist Trina Robbins. 3/19: Roundtable panel discussions of women in the arts & political correctness in cartoon art. Also "Black Ink," an exhibit of original art by African American cartoonists, 2/5-5/16. Related special events: 2/27: "40 Acres & A Pen," a discussion with artists Morrie Turner, Michael Davis, Shep Hendrix, Denys Cowan & Charles Belle. 4/9: "Ethnic Images: How True Are They?" a discussion with Steven Bentley, Demetrius Diamond, Jonathan Smith & Greg Harris. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat. Info: 546-9481.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Many Mansions," an exhibit of works by over 20 artists that.transforms the premise of the dwelling; thru 2/22. "Tivaivai: Cook Island Coverlets," 2/29-4/5, opening reception 3/3, 5-7 pm. "Doris Miller: Raku Vessels," on exhibit 2/29-4/25, opening reception 3/3, 5-7 pm. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

Richmond Art Ctr: "Acknowledging Our Host: Communal Sources," works by Dennis Olanzo Callwood, Dewey Crumpler, George Longfish, Ulysses Jenkins, Jean LaMarr & Frank Tuttle, thru 2/9. Hrs: 9:30 am-4:30 pm Tues-Fri, noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Wheelchair accessible. Civic Ctr Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

NIAD Gallery: National Institute of Art & Disabilities Gallery. Exhibit of ceramic art work, thru 3/6. Artists include Bobbie Altman, Willie Harris, James Heartsill, Sana Krusoe, Nancy Legge, Dan McIntyre, James Morris, Rosita Pardo, Sonya Popow, Leah Ritchie, Don Santos, Helen Stewart, Robert Turner, Stan Welsh & Jerry Williams. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

John Pence Gallery: "Landscapes & Seascapes: Past & Present," exhibit of works by Donald Davis, Peter Holbrook, Donald Jurney, Randall Lake, Michael Lynch, Dorothy Morgan & Evan Wilson, along with noted American painters from the past, to illustrate the continuation of a strong academic tradition. Thru 3/13. Reception 2/2, 2-5 pm. 750 Post St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm. Info: 441-1138.

Vision Gallery: Vintage & contemporary landscape photographs by Ansel Adams, Robert Bourdeau, Christopher Burkett, Richard Lohmann and others. Thru 2/29. Also photos by Czech photographer Jirka Stach, thru 2/29. 1155 Mission St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: "The Artwork of Robert Herhusky: Works of Cast Glass, Wood & Metal," on exhibit thru 2/22. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-pm. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Wilcox Gallery: Paintings by David Simpson, drawings by Gabrielle Bakker, on exhibit thru 2/15. 228 Grant Ave, SF.

Asian Erotic Exhibit of antique Chinese, Japanese, Indian & contemporary Hawaiian erotic art from the collection of Terry Guthrie, thru 3/7 at Good Vibrations. 1210 Valencia St, SF. Hrs: noon-6 pm daily, Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 550-7399.

Art of the Grateful Dead: Exhibit of paintings, prints, photos, posters, jewelry & sculpture; thru 2/28. Artrock Gallery, 1153 Misson St, SF. Info: 255-7390.

Joan Landsberg: Paintings on exhibit at KBBK Studios. Thru 2/8. 465 Broderick at Hayes, SF. Hrs: Thurs 3-6 pm, Fri & Sat 2-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 563-9046.

"Love & Death," exhibit of works by several artists exploring themes of old age and ageism, sexism, & sexuality. Thru 2/8. Ghia Gallery, 2648 3rd St, SF. Info: 282-2832.

New Paintings by SF artist Bruce Lauritzen on exhibit thru 2/21 in the Faculty Club Galleries at Stanford University. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm; Sat & Sun 1-6 pm. Info: 321-3149 or 512-0709.

Sculptures/Fixtures by noted lighting designer Pam Morris. Capson Artsvision Showroom, 2 Henry Adams St, Ste 489, SF. Thru 2/21. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-5 pm. Info: 863-2117.

Recent Work by Patricia Sannit on exhibit at Morphos Gallery, 544 Hayes St, SF. Thru 2/23. Info: 626-1936.

"Body As A Temple," production pottery by Karen Casino at Mind Frame Gallery thru 2/15. 6522 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-8226.

Images from France: Color photos by Reid Yalom on exhibit 2/1-29. Reception 2/6, 6-9 pm. Alliance Francaise, 1345 Bush St, SF. Info: 775-7755.

Paintings by Vicky Chaet on exhibit at Sweet Inspirations, 2239 Market St, SF. 2/7-3/6.

Pro Arts Gallery: Paintings by Anita Lappi, mixed media works by Katrien Maenhaut & an installation by Ed Osborn; on exhibit thru 2/15. Hrs: Wed-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 461 9th St (off Broadway), Oakland. Info: (510) 763-4361. WA (Wheelchair Accessible).

The Lab Gallery: "Moral Tales," an installation by visual artist Rene Yung. An exploration of the codification of incidental & personal hybrid myths into rigid societal mores; thru 2/8. "Rodney Is Her Name!" exhibit by visual artist Rodney O'Neal Austin; 2/26-3/28, opening reception 2/26, 5:30-7:30 pm. Related performance—Austin appears as Velma Void in "I Could Rip Your Lips Off!" 3/6 & 7 at 8 pm. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

New Langton Arts: "Living in Someone Else's Paradise," an installation by Millie Wilson, a presentation of the most recent work in her ongong series, "The Museum of Lesbian Dreams." 2/4-3/7. Artist's reception 2/4, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Robert Dana Gallery: Paintings & sculpture by Lawrence Hacken. Exhibit runs 2/7-28. Hrs: Mon, Fri & Sat, 11 am-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 749-1849.

Circle Gallery: Exhibit of new lithographs by Sandro Chia & Rene Gruau. Thru 2/15. 140 Maiden lane, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun 12-5 pm. Info: 989-2100.

Vorpal Gallery: "New Views," exhibit of works by Michael Bartlett, Richard Biernacki, Jamey Brzezinski, Dewitt Cheng, Dana Chodzko, Paul Douglas, Kalani Engles, Tom Foolery, Urs Gut, Fred Hayes, Bonita Helmer & others. Thru 2/29. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

Jill Poesner: Theatre Photographs (1975-91)—Jill Poesner exhibits a decade and a half of performance photos at Josie's Cabaret, through February. Hrs: 11 am-6 pm, Mon-Fri; 9 am-7 pm, Sat & Sun. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

At Eye Gallery: 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 431-1169.

ON STAGE

Echoes by N Richard Nash and **The Fantastic Lodge** by Howard Becker. "Echoes" is the story of a man & women living in a room in a mental institution. "The Fantastic Lodge" is a one woman/one act performance based on the life of a female heroin addict during the 1950s. Produced by Daedalus Studio & Allow Productions. Opens 1/31 at 8 pm, runs Fri at 8 pm, Sat & Sun at 7 pm, thru 2/23. Tix $10. Daedalus Studio, 1126 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-0377.

Twin and **Lola** at Intersection: "Twin" by Cynthia Moore is tells the story of two adult twins who refuse to communicate with the outside world. "Lola" is a dance theatre piece choreographed by John LeFan, Anne Aronov & Freddie Long, it is based on the life of Lola Huth, a soloist with the Jose Limon Co in the 50s & 60s, who died of an illegal abortion shortly before the Supreme Court passed Roe vs Wade. "Twin" plays 2/8-9, 13-14, 22-23, 27-28. "Lola" plays 2/5, 6-7, 15-16, 20-21, 29, 3/1. 8 pm. 2/5 performance of "Lola" is a benefit for NOW. Tix $10 & $12. 446 Valencia St, SF. Info: 626-2787.

The Saga of the Six Chick Dicks by Cliff Mayotte & Sean Owens. A film-noir comedy set in mysterious 1940s SF. Harvest Theatre Co production. Runs 2/6-16 at EXITheatre, 366 Eddy St, SF. 8 pm Thus-Sat, 7 pm Sun. Tix $10 gen'l, Thursdays are "pay as you go" performances. Info/res: 563-1431.

Rhythm & Dance performed by Steve Zee & Bill Duffy. Tap dance, jazz, piano & comedy in a New Vaudeville-style show. Original songs, dances & dialogue. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 2/6-23. Tix $15. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 863-9834.

Wild Blue by Joe Pintauro. A collection of short plays on gay themes. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm on 2/2. Special Sat eve performances at 5 pm on 2/1 & 8. Tix $11-$20; $10-$11 previews. Info/res: 861-5070. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF.

My Visits with MGM (My Grandmother Marta) by Edit Villarreal. Touching drama, memory play about the bond between a rebellious grandmother who fled Mexico to the US in 1910, and her free-thinking granddaughter, who is trying to find her place between two cultures. San Jose Repertory Theatre production. Runs Tues-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 5 & 9 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, thru 2/8. Matinees on 2/5 & 6 at noon. Montgomery Theater, corner of Market & West San Carlos, San Jose. Info: (408) 291-2255.

Man of La Mancha by Dale Wasserman. Raul Julia and Sheena Easton star in this 25th anniversary production of the Broadway musical hit. Runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Wed matinees at 2 pm, thru 2/2. Orpheum Theatre, 1192 Market St at Hyde, SF. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS.

Grand Hotel, the Tony Award-winning hit musical directed & choreographed by Tommy Tune. Set in 1928 Berlin, this re-creation of the bestselling novel is about power & poverty, ballrooms & boardrooms, scandal & romance, suspense & survival. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, with Wed & Sat matinees at 2 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru 2/16. Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor St at Golden Gate & Market, SF. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS.

McTeague: A Tale of San Francisco adapted by Neal Bell from the Frank Norris novel chronicling turn-of-the-century life in the Bay Area. A tale of obsession & corruption, capturing the brutal vitality of the West still reeling from the excesses of the California Gold Rush. Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm thru 2/27. Sat matinees at 2 pm on 2/1 & 15; Thurs matinees at 2 pm on 2/6 & 20. Tix $18 previews; $29 opening; $23 Tues-Thurs & Sun; $29 Fri & Sat; $21 matinees. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison St at Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

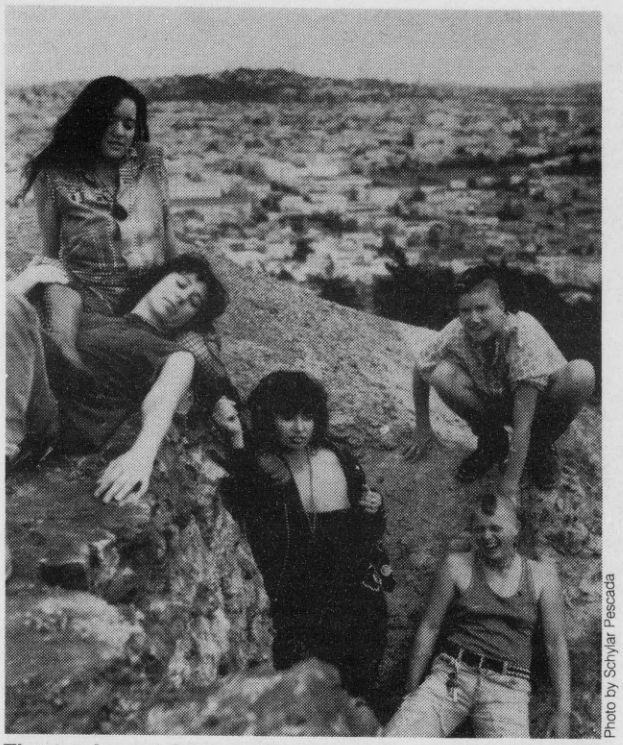
Mother Wove the Morning one-woman show by author/performer Carol Lynn Pearson. Pearson portrays 16 historical women in search of the Mother Goddess, lost across time as men have appropriated & transformed the Diety into a male figure. Runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm thru 2/29 at New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $19. Info/res: 861-8972.

Love & Anger by George F Walker. This comic attack on power & its abuses pits the "reborn" attorney Petie Maxwell against the powerful publisher of a "fascist rag." Actors Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 3/8 at 8 pm, $12. 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

The Gospel According to Wayne/Waves of Gravity & Time, solo performance by Wayne Corbitt. A contemporary sermon performed in the African American pentecostal tradition served from the left, and infused with Corbitt's engaging personal history, integrity, humor & revelations. Extended thru Feb. 2/1, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30 pm at The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Tix $6. Info/res: 641-0235.

Sleep Tight, an evening of magic, video & deranged comedy devised & performed by Laughing Moon Theatre. Thurs-Sun thru 2/9 at Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Tix $10-12. Info/res: 626-9196.

Lorraine Hansberry Theatre's annual "Lift Every Voice" series features Robert Alexander's **Henry O Tanner: Portrait of an African American Artist** featuring actor Bennet Guillory as Tanner.



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The 1st Annual Crimson Cotillion at Female Trouble, with Tribe 8. Don't miss—Feb. 12.

Runs 2/13-16 At Florence Gould Theatre, Calif Palace of the Legion of Honor, SF at 8 pm, Thurs-Sat, with matinee performances at 3:30 pm on 2/15-16 at the Trustees Auditorium, deYoung Museum, SF.

Re/Membering Aunt Jemima (An Act of Magic) by Glenda Dickerson & Breena Clarke. Play pushes the boundaries of traditional African American theatre by exploring and re-thinking the myth of Aunt Jemima, in order to shatter the stereotypes that imprison African American women. Lorraine Hansberry Theatre production. Previews 2/5-6; runs 2/7-9, 12-16, 19-23. Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sat & Sun at 2 pm. Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, 620 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 474-8800.

Sophocles' Antigone by Bertolt Brecht, translated by Judith Molina. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, 2/5 thru 3/14. Bannam Theatre production. 50 Bannam St, SF. Info/res: 362-7632.

At the Cabaret Chat Noir by David Arrow & Carl Danielsen. An award-winning environmental theatre journey thru the music, dancing & colorful characters of the original Chat Noir cabaret, made famous in posters by Toulouse-Lautrec. Showcases the music of Bruant, Debussy, Chopin, Offenbach, Strauss & others. American Theatre Ventures production. Previews 2/6-7 at 8 pm, 2/8 at 4 & 9 pm, 2/9 at 2 & 7 pm. Opens 2/12, runs Wed-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 4 & 9 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm. Valentine's Day (2/14) performance is a special benefit performance with post-show party, refreshments, live music & dancing. Attendees in period costume receive party flavors, tix $23.50-39.50. Non-benefit tix: $15 previews, $8-24.50 gen'l performances. Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St, SF. Info/res: 989-9132.

Whatever Happened to BB Jane? A musical developed by Wayne Buidens. High-camp extravaganza, a raucous, contagious parody. Multi-talented ensemble sing & dance the lives of two aging Hollywood stars. BB Productions. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru February. Tix: $13 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $15 Fri & Sat. Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St, SF. Info/res: 626-7544.

Leonardo da Vinci & the Possibility of Human Flight by Michael Andrew Walton. Play addresses the frustrations of the human condition. El Mico Bravo production. Play has a split run, playing 2/13-3/1 at Berkeley's Theatre of the Blue Rose; runs 3/6-22 at Somar Theatre in SF. For tix info/res: 441-8927.

What's Wrong With This Picture?, written & performed by Grace Walcott. A hilariously comic mystery tale of the struggle between a mother & her daughter for separate identities. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 3/1. Tix $6-9 SL fee on Thurs, $10 Fri & Sat, $8 Sun. 8 pm. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

The Zoo Story by Edward Albee. Harrowing portrait of a young person alienated from the human race. A dissection of the results of loneliness on the individual in modern society. Theatre Pomegranate production. Runs Fri-Sat at 8, through 2/29. Tix $4-8 SL. Theatre Pomegranate, 495 Clementina St btwn 5th & 6th, SF. Info/res: 512-7965.

The Suicide by Nikolai Erdman, translated by Peter Tegel. Classic Russian comedy takes place in the late 1920s, after the glow of the Revolution has dimmed. SF Playhouse Theatre Co production. Runs Wed-Sat thru 2/29 at 8 pm. Tix $10 Wed & Thurs (two for one on Wed); $12 Fri & Sat. The On-Broadway, 435 Broadway nr Kearny, SF. Info/res: 762-2277, 398-1541.

The Barbecue by James J O'Grady, script developed thru improv by actors Fred Bald, Edith Bryson, Richard Lindstrom, Margie Pratchenko, John Ryan & Joann Sloane. Play about gender conflicts that arise at a San Carlos backyard neighborhood barbecue. Off-Garde Theatre Group production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm 1/30 thru 2/22. Tix $8 Thurs, $10 Fri & Sat. Opening night gala weenie roast, $15. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St btwn Bryant & Potrero, SF. Info/res: 771-7188.

Cyrano De Bergerac by Edmond Rostand, translated by Brian Hooker, adapted by Dennis Powers. Actor Peter Donat reprises his role as the poetic soldier with an out-sized nose in this ACT production of Rostand's tour de force of dramatic poetry. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Wed & Sat matinee at 2 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm; thru 3/14. $10-26 weeknights, $11-33 weekends. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St btwn Mason & Powell, SF. Info/res: 762-BASS.

Greek by Steven Berkoff. Powerful & erotic modern-day Oedipus story, set in working-class England. Magic Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 2/22. Magic Theatre-Southside, Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg D, SF. Tix $12 stdnts & srs, $14 previews, $17-21 gen'l. Info/res: 441-8822.

Tsunami—The Next Wave in Asian American Performance Art, a series of performances produced by Asian American Theater Co's Exponential Arts Program. Wed-Sun thru 2/16 at Asian American Theater Center, Arguello Blvd at Clement, SF. 8 pm Wed-Sat, 3 pm Sun. Performance Schedule: 2/5-9—"Charlie" Chin's **Sex, Love & Marriage** uses humorous monologues & songs in search thru the mysteries of great sex, true love & a happy marriage. 2/12-16—Dan Kwong's **Tales of the Fractured Tao** uses slides, silhouette screen & recorded voices & music to report on the condition of the family in Asian American life. Info: 751-2600.

Substance of Things Hoped For, a trilogy by Andrew Caldwell. Examines the faith & revelations faced by three people: a young girl institutionalized following an incestuous rape, a young gay man hospitalized with AIDS, and an elderly homeless woman living on the streets of Washington, DC. Opens 2/2 at 2 pm, runs on Sundays at 2 pm thru 3/29 at the Plough & the Stars, 116 Clement St in SF. Tix $8 at door. Info: (707) 649-1407.

The Abdication by Ruth Wolfe. Story of Queen Christina, a powerful, influential & controversial 17th century woman. SF State School of Creative Arts production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 2/13-16 & 19-23. Studio Theatre, Creative Arts Bldg, SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Tix $7. Info/res: 338-2467.

Nude Zapata by Richard Talavera. Alarmed by Jesse Helms' recent censorship campaign, an eccentric Latina playwright decides to reveal the little-known truth about the 1951 movie classic "Viva Zapata"—maybe. El Teatro de la Eseranza. Runs 2/12-3/8, Thurs-Sun at 8 pm. Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Tix $10 Thurs, Sun & opening night; $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 255-2320.

Miss Julie by Strindberg. Classic drama skewering class distinctions—a proud, aristocratic woman is seduced by her father's valet. North Beach Repertory production. Previews 2/4-6 at 8 pm, $8; gala opening 2/7, 8 pm, $30. Runs Wed-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 2 & 8 pm, $12. Students & seniors $10. Thru 3/14. North Beach Repertory Theatre, 2801 Leavenworth, (third floor in the Cannery) SF. Info/res: 928-4860.

Beauty & the Beast for Flamenco, an adaptation of the classic fairy tale by Irene Haughey for 10 dancer/singers. Phoenix Theatre production. Opens 2/14 at 8 pm, $12. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, $12, Sun at 3 pm, $9. Thru 3/22. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 928-4860 or 621-5338.

Foolin' Around with Infinity by Steven Dietz. Story about the relationships of three people in a nuclear missile control site confronted with the responsibility of pushing the button. Fourth Monkey Ensemble production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 2/20-3/7. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Dolores Community Center, 208 Dolores at 15th, SF. Info/res: 681-7095.

Visitations By Death and **Sno Madchen** by Omewenne Grimstone. Grimcoz Productions. 1/30-31, 2/1, 5-8. 8 pm at 21 Bernice Street Theater, 21 Bernice St, SF. Tix $8-5 SL. Info/res: 346-6450.

Do You Know Who Your Wife Is? a wild & funny lesbian comedy by Sophia Ramos. Girl gets girl & guy gets wise—story about two couples, one lesbian and one straight, become entangled in each other's lives. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Runs Fri-Sun, 1/31, 2/1 & 2. 8:30 pm Fri & Sat, 7 pm Sun. Tix $8. The Studio at Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

A Little Madness Will Cure It or Locura Lo Cura by the three-man guerilla comedy troupe, Chicano Secret Service. Asian American Theater Company Exponential Arts Program & the Mexican Museum production. Opens 2/12, runs Thurs-Sun at 7 pm thru 3/1. $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello at Clement, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

The Ten PM Dream, premiere of choreographer Della Davidson's work based on the late Anne Sexton's poem cycle "Transformations," a dark, funny & often sexually-charged retelling of Grimm's fairy tales. Previews 3/10 at 8:30 pm, runs Wed-Sun thru 3/15. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Tix $12 & $14. Info/res: 621-7797.

RESOURCE GUIDE

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7:30 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides night-time emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by & for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs, 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area,* a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women who are currently caring for a friend, partner, or family member with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. 7 pm at 1855 Folsom St at 15th,, SF. Room 521. For mtg days & other info contact Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 821-8764.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Provides support groups for African American men & men of all colors. Also provides transportation assistance (to medical appts & to pick up medication) to HIV positive African American men in SF & Oakl. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

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Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin (510) 273-7331.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Large group of about 100 meets Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Use sharing, singing, meditation, visualization, hugging & laughter to create a powerful experience of love & support. Info: Bill 864-6638.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

HIV Negative Support Groups: testing negative is great, but can present problems of its own. Some become so fearful that they give up all sex; others are others are overwhelmed by the pain of watching their friends & lovers die. Get support to deal with "survivor guilt" and others issues surrounding testing negative. Reply with name, address & phone number to Groups, c/o Pierre, PO Box 0884, SF CA 94143-0884. All replies are confidential.

Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex (whether you're a beginner or have lots of experience), coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive

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addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Bi-weekly mtgs, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Transportation available, call 441-1980 for details.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Free Tax Assistance to Persons with AIDS & ARC, offered by SF AIDS Foundation. Trained volunteers from TAX AID program help you with your 1989 federal & state tax returns. To qualify an individual must have earned $16,000 or less, with no more than $2,000 for each family member. For info call 864-5855 and ask for the on-duty social worker.

Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the"Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

STOP at SF General Hospital: The Stimulant Treatment Outpatient Program offers help for people with cocaine dependencies. Nonjudgemental treatment includes five-days-a-week group counseling. 12-week commitment required. Program includes the optional use of medication as part of a research project exploring the use of medication to reduce cocaine cravings & use. Call 821-8616 for info. First-time & longterm users are both eligible.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Self-Help Food Group for Women: More depth than Weight Watchers, more commitment than OA. Support to work your way on your food issues. Not a diet group, not an anti-diet group. Info: 826-9423.

Men's Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Wednesday. For info on OA meetings for gay/lesbians & others call OA Hotline: 776-1457.

Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.

Fem-Centered Lesbians in Recovery meets monthly for support and fun. Call 863-8651 for location & other info.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Caifornia collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 1l:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Men's Support Group: discussion of bisexual men's issues. Not a therapy group. Meets every other Sun 7:30-9:30 pm. Info/location: 626-3910.

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 7-9 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jane 387-0109.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support Group: meets 2nd & 4th Thurs in San Anselmo. Info: Cindy 456-4192.

North County Bisexual Support Groups: Side by Side provides peer support for bisexual men & women. 7-7:30 pm social, followed by mtg until 9:30, then short social time. Group discusses any issues brought forth by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome. Sonoma County: Every Thurs night, call Dena (707) 523-2036 or Colin (707) 823-2990. Mendocino County: Coed group 2nd Fri of each month, women-only group 4th Fri of the month, both groups are in Ukiah, call Colin (707) 823-2990 or send SASE to Free By Choice, PO Box 111, Calpella CA 95418.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz (510) 857-1044.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Lesbian Fiction Contest: 2nd Annual Spinsters Book Company contest. $1000 prize. Quality, well-crafted fiction focusing on the lives of lesbians sought. Submissions must be postmarked no later than 2/28. For contest rules write to: Spinsters Book Co, PO Box 410687, SF CA 94141. No phone calls.

Still Indivisible: The editors of *Indivisible: New Short Fiction by West Coast Gay & Lesbian Writers* seek submissions for a second volume of this successful anthology. Literary short fiction of the highest quality that refelcts the diversity of the West Coast in terms of gender, culture, politics & longitude are sought. Work by African American, Latino/a, Asian American and Native American writers is especially encouraged. Stories need not be gay or lesbian-themed, but should be excellently-written, and not published previously or under consideration elsewhere. Send 2 copies of no more than 3 stories, typed, double-spaced on 8½ × 11 white paper. Include a brief bio, and send SASE for a response. Send to: Terry Wolverton, 3359 Garden Ave, LA 90039. Deadline: 2/1.

Pro Arts 10th Anniversary East Bay Open Studios (to be held 5/9-10, 16-17) seeks artists interested in prsenting their work at this annual event to be held in May this year, instead of the customary June. Entry fee $15. For addt'l requirements & other info call Denise Maunder, Open Studios Coordinator 331-7819 or leave a mesasge at Pro Arts (510) 763-4361. Deadline: 2/3.

Frameline is accepting entries for the 16th SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, to be held 6/19-28. Accepted formats: 35mm, 16mm, super-8, ¼" & ½" (NTSC). No entry fee, but return postage must accompany all entries. Work by women & people of color is especially encouraged. All genres & forms encouraged. For more info/entry forms contact Frameline, PO Box 14792, SF CA 94114; 861-5245. Deadline: 3/1.

Sex Cabaret: David Steinberg & Mark I. Chester, artists interested in sexual art,

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seek submissions & proposals of art that hits the crossroads of sex, art and theater for an evening series of pansexual multi-disciplinary art including readings, prose, poetry, theater, performance art and sex-related slideshows of artwork. Info: Mark 621-6294 or write POB 422501, SF 94142.

Theatre Rhinoceros is accepting submissions for a new theatre piece exploring gay & lesbian weddings. The focus of the piece is on the diverse ways gays choose to commemorate their unions, as opposed to their straight counterparts. Short scenes, monologues & songs exploring the subject from different angles are sought. The project is directed by Paul Sagan and will be workshopped in the Studio Theatre in spring of 1992. Send submissions to: Theatre Rhinoceros, The Wedding Project, 2926 16th St, SF CA 94103. For more info contact Doug Holsclaw 552-4100.

Bonehead & Betty: A Lesbian Outlaw Anthology: Tribas Publishing Group seeks submissions of short stories, poetry, articles and visual art depicting butch/femme/rude girl/tomboy and general gender fuck lifestyles. Send inquiries & submissions to Tribas, c/o Ruby Fowler, 408 Haight St, SF CA 94117 or call 621-4366.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Closed Christmas Day. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Lesbian Games Group: monthly-ish chem-free games group meets for Pictionary, Perquacky, Outburst, Boggle & more. Info/location: 526-2924.

Game & Card Night: A Sat night lesbian & gay alternative. Every Sat from 6-10 pm starting 2/1. Pacific Center, Berkeley. Bring board games, cards, and friends. Info: (510) 548-8283.

► HEALTH

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: low-cost, nonprofit clinic. Offers special services for people with HIV, fertility program for women & men who are trying to conceive. Also offers Chinese & American herbal preparations. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA, SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: non-profit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 3rd Sun of the month. Models provided. $5-8 SL fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Beam-In: The Bay Area Gay Trekkies & Science Fiction Group meets on the 4th Fri of each month at 8 pm for potluck & discussions. All Federation members (male/female) are welcome. Leave name/number at 773-9389 or write Beam-In, 151 Castro St #151, SF 94114-2588 for location & other details.

Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly for exchange of ideas, information & research leads. Group interests vary from the Azores to Mayflower lineage. All are welcome, from beginners to professionals. Mtgs on the 3rd Sat of each month at 1 pm. For info/location: Larry Burnett 647-0637.

Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club, the Bay Area chapter of a nationwide group of Gay Hams, meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Hams & those interested in learning more about the hobby are welcome! For more info call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

Antique Lovers: Group to discuss, compare & trade antiques & collectibles. Info: Marjorie 587-7210 (leave message).

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

Looking for a Job? The Public Interest Employment Service publishes a twice monthly Public Interest Employment Report which lists paid jobs available in progressive nonprofit organizations. The Employment Service is coordinated by a lesbian, and includes info about jobs at a number of lesbian/gay/bisexual/AIDS/HIV-focused organizations. For more info on the Employment Service or to subscribe to the Report, call 565-4695. Services are free to employers.

Disabled Job Seekers Services at Rose Resnick Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired. Employment counseling (focused on interview & self-marketing skills, resume & application writing) and job search support group offered. For details call Linda Greenberg 441-1980.

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. Call 346-0475. For listings ($2 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

The Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Call (510) 841-6224.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: Larry Brinkin 252-2500.

Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, proper procedures, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available for events, conferences, wkshops, etc. Info: 564-2226.

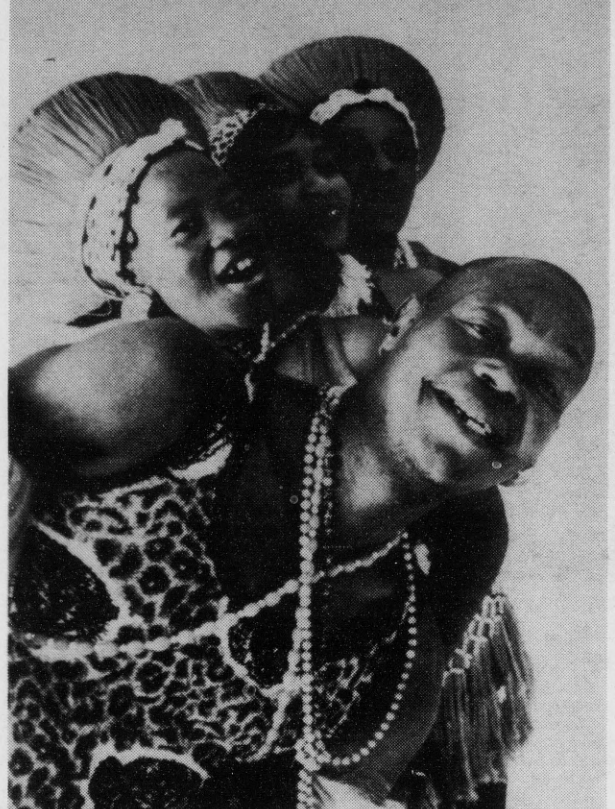
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors. SFWAR also does advocacy & educational work & holds house meetings where groups of women discuss concerns & fears, & ways to prevent rape. For info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.



Mahlathini & the Mahotelle Queens perform South African jive music at Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, Feb. 7 & 8.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 333 Valencia St, Ste 222, SF. Info: 864-2364.

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:30-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Lesbian Partners of Sexual Abuse Survivors: 12-Step Group. Thurs 7:30-8:45 pm at Bethany Methodist Church, Clipper & Sanchez St, SF.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have been in a battering relationship, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Info: Rene 863-3315 or Christina 346-0267.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a support group for lesbians who have been emotionally, sexually and/or physically abused by their partners. Free. Call 593-8622 for info.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke (510) 562-1574, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamaker, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A grassroots social & community action organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-6 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sat of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.

Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.

Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly

potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 776-1892 or 397-9863.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Nancy 864-8812 for more information.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to African American men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

ALBWN & ALGBN: Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network and Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network. Offers support for women & men of Arab descent and Middle Eastern ancestry. Activities include monthly potluck dinners, discussion of topics of relevance to the lesbian, gay & bisexual Arab community. Three separate mtgs: a women's mtg (Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network), a men's mtg, and a mixed mtg where both men & women gather. For information write ALGBN or ALBWN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch group meets every 4th Sunday 10am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. For details call (510) 482-0787 or (510) 339-1314.

Language Practice/Social Group (Dutch, French, Italian) for people of color who were born/raised in Europe, traveled there, or simply enjoy foreign languages. All fluency levels & other languages are welcome. Open to open-minded gays, bisexuals & transgenderists. Info: 431-3860.

Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.

Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & June. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Ann Krinitsky. Info: (510) 428-1350.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble welcomes instrumentalists of every type & ability for fun & creative musical experiences. Join a musically versatile group dedicated to the growth of our members & the community we serve. Rehearsals in the Eastbay. Info: (510) 638-7399.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.

Jazz Matriarchy: Networking organization for women jazz improvisers in the Bay Area. Call 647-9544 for more info.

STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Queer Guitar Players: Group of women & men of all styles & levels who get together for musical exchange & fun. Banjo players welcome. Info: Paul 826-0801.

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance exhibition group. Performs dance routines, human pyramids, gymnastic stunts & cheers at ballgames, parades & festivals. 2-hr Sunday practices. No experience necessary. Info: Michael (415) 474-5486 or Steve (510) 228-7497.

► POLITICAL

LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action) group for lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.

United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color. See People of Color listings for more info.

Outrage! San Francisco. Direct Action. Call 985-7141 for more information.

QueerNET SF: A queer activist networking & educational group committed to the empowerment, expansion & celebration of queer culture in all of its diversity. QueerNET conducts special events & activities to promote queer culture thru outreach, education, art, visibility & consciousness-raising. Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month. 1590 Market St at Franklin, SF 94102. Info: 252-5914.

Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For meeting times/location and for upcoming actions, call (510) 464-3072.

Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. New defamations discussed 1st Thurs of each month, 7 pm, 514 Castro St, SF.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

UBIQUITOUS (Uppity Bi Queers United In Their Overtly Unconventional Sexuality): A group of bisexual queers dedicated to promoting bi visibility & understanding within the queer community, working together with lesbian & gay activists in the fight against heterosexism & building a bisexual community. Call Adam 861-7520 or Chrstine 861-0305 for mtg times/places.

Lesbian Agenda for Action: (LAFA) political & social action nonprofit membership organization committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info: 552-5677.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.

Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Int'l Wages for Housework Campaign, Int'l Black Women for Wages for Housework, Wages Due Lesbians, and the US PROStitutes Collective: To connect with these groups, write PO Box 14512, SF 94114 or call 558-9628.

White Lesbians Against Racism: Group provides a peer education forum to confront racial stereotypes & racism in ourselves & in the white community. Group creates space for developing a white racial identity; challenges racial stereotypes thru self-education; makes connections btwn racism, homophobia, classism, sexism & anti-semitism. Info: Yvette 584-5979.

Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bi-monthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

Jerry Brown for President Group in support of Brown's campaign "to take back the political process from private greed & corrupt politics." Call 202-1992 for more info.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

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A support group for lesbians, gay, bisexual and transgender youth.

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or Jason Bishop, 749-2138

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Women's Cancer Resource Center

A place to gather strength and support for women with cancer, their friends, families and health practitioner.

3023 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley CA 94705 (415) 548-9272

Can Cancer be Predicted?
Patricia Kelly, Ph.D.
Cancer Risk Analyst
Thursday, January 30, 1992
7:00 P.M.

Telephone Hotline Information and Referral
Volunteer Training
Saturday, January 25, 1992
9:30 - 4:30 pm
Call 548-WCRC

Regular Monthly Events: *Call for dates and times:* Yoga and Relaxation for women with life-threatening and chronic illnesses; Breast Self-Examination; Group discussion with oncology nurse.

Support Groups Currently Taking Place: *Call for dates and times:* **(Note New Groups)** Lesbians with Cancer *(meets in San Francisco)*; Lesbian Partners/Friends of Lesbians with Cancer; Drop-in for Women with Cancer; African American Women with Cancer; Daytime Drop-in for Women with Cancer; Friends and Family of People with Cancer; Post-Treatment Support.

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YOUTH RAP GROUPS

YOUNG MEN'S GROUP
Friday Nights
MCC Church in the Castro
150 Eureka Street
7 - 9:00 pm

YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP
Monday Nights
The Women's Building
3543 18th Street
7 - 9:00 pm

Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) sponsors social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth 23 and under.

L Y R I C

Call **252-6059** for more information about LYRIC.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA) comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm, SF location. Info: 861-8718.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers. Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Queer Women's Art Support/Network Group: For musicians, writers, visual artists, pagans, etc. Must be serious & commited to your art. Wild women welcome! Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 533-2648.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

Men's Associated Exchange (MAX) is the largest & most active social group for gay men in the Bay Area, sponsoring over 150 events a year, ranging from community service to sports to educational programs. Info: MAX, 564 Mission St #127, SF 94105.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz (510) 857-1044.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 656-1383.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.

Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 832-6510.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Eastbay Lesbian Couples Social Group: Meet new couples for potlucks, movies, games, walks, or other mutual interests. Info: (510) 486-0615 or (510) 655-8542.

Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.

Lesbian Lunch Brunch: A clean & sober, nonsmoking social club for single lesbians working in the financial district. Wkly luncheons to connect with other women in recovery. Info: 252-0657.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Latin American Lesbian Social Group meets monthly in Eastbay, see People of Color.

CASA (Community Alternative Social Assoc) for gay Latinos & friends, see People of Color.

Chinese lesbian group meets for outing, potlucks, etc, see People of Color.

Chinese gay group meets for potlucks & other varied activities, see People of Color.

Zebra Brigade Social Group for Black & white lesbian couples meets 3rd Sat of each month, alternating btwn SF & Eastbay locations. Call Anita or Lorrie 641-5980.

Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV + /PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.

Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.

Russian Group: Ruscophiles with a sincere desire to speak Russian meet for social Russian conversation & potluck on the 2nd Fri of each month, at 8 pm. Leave name & number at 773-9389 or write SF Ruscophiles, 151 Castro St #151, SF 94114-2588 for location & other details. All levels welcome.

Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Party Posse: For artistic, intelligent-types who can have fun. If you can dance till dawn without drugs, alcohol, pot or tobacco and feel comfortable with various racial, gender & orientation backgrounds (gays, bisexuals, transsexuals) write Party Posse, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.

Soft Men Unite! Social group for "proud, gentle, effeminate men" who enjoy each other's company. Meet for cafe conversations, movie-going, roller-skating, etc. All soft men, including men of color, bisexuals, gays, straights, and non-macho female-to-male transsexuals, are welcome. Write: SOMU, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990, attn RK.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-9355.

Jewish Lesbians & Bisexuals & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, SF & EB locations. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 647-7209.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: Gay male Buddhist organization meets on the 2nd & 4th Sun of every month for meditation & for understanding, discussion & support of the study & practice of all forms of Buddhism. Beginners as well as experienced Dharma practitioners are welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.

Feminist Women's Circle meets in SF monthly at the full & new moons to explore the many facets of the Goddess. Also networking & classes. Info: Lupa 751-8918.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Crossroads: Wkly women's ritual & drumming circle with pagan/political focus. Artwork, trance, journeys, singing, music, etc. Previous magical experience preferred. Wed eve mtgs at the Crossroads in Berkeley. Info: (510) (510) 763-5999.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.

Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship with us. Church has a coordinator for lesbian & gay concerns, and is active in peace and justice, environmental, community action and global concerns; and AIDS ministries. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Jl Torres. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of evangelical Christian gays who have banded together in a local Bible-believing church where Jesus Christ is Lord. All are welcome. Service: Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues at 7:30 pm study in classical Christianity at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Info: 647-0184.

Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.

Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.

Agape Christian Fellowship: Group for lesbian & gay charismatics/pentecostals, promoting spiritual, mental, physical & spiritual wholeness. Meetings: Bible Study Thurs at 7:30 pm, Sunday services at 6:30 pm. Info/location: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or write PO Box 192446, SF 94119-2446.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 7 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.

GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

Peace United Church: All gay, lesbian & straight people, singles & families, are welcome. Two lesbian ministers. Politically aware, justice-oriented, creative community, sensitive to each individual. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible. 5 pm Sun service. 424 Monte Vista near Piedmont Ave, Oakland. Call (510) 486-0625 for more info.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study grou meets every Wed eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes relational (2-person) meditation, reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emergel, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay Religious Science Practitioner in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.

Golden Gate Institute of Religious Science: An educational outreach ministry of the Independent Church of Religious Science, serving the gay & lesbian community. Classes & credentials offered. Write Rev Jon Lindsay, 36250 Easterday Way, Fremont CA 94536 for more info.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.

SF Frontrunners is a running club for lesbians & gay men. All levels welcome. Free runs: every Tues at 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg, Market St & Embarcadero, SF, followed by dinner; Sat at 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park, SF, followed by brunch; & every Sun at 9 am at various locations (see Main Calendar), followed by brunch. Come join our walking division at same time & place as Runs. Business mtgs/potlucks 1st Sat of each month (after Run). Info: Marie 921-3697.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners Club for Southbay runners. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto. Info: Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 285-1260 eves.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5 monthly calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

SAGA North: Gay & Lesbian Alpine Ski Club. Ski trips & social activities. Call 995-2772.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Sea Snakes: SF's Gay Scuba Club. Monthly mtgs. Dive trips to Monterey, scuba certification classes, social events & exotic dive trips. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Marta 241-9632 or Ken 621-2778.

Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Men's Touch Football Group meets Sat mornings at 10 am in Golden Gate Park, SF. All ages & skill levels are welcome! If you played in high school & miss it, or if you never touched a football before but thought it might be fun to "play with the guys," call John 252-9769 for details.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114.

X-TA-C Gay & Lesbian Cross Country Skiing Club: Sponsors one-day and weekend trips to various locations in Northern Calif. Potluck meetings held montly during ski season. All skiing levels are welcome. For details call 330-5485.

Nordic Fun Bunnies: Lesbian X-Country Ski Group. Day, weekend & midweek trips. All styles & abilties (track, backcountry, etc; from novice to Olympian) are welcome! Info: (510) 601-1910.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Bisexual Men's Support Group—see Bisexual Groups.

Bisexual Women's Support Group—see Bisexual Groups.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support Group—see Bisexual Groups.

North County Bisexual Support Groups—See Bisexual Groups.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group—see Transgender Groups.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets last Thurs of each month—See Transgender Groups.
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group—see Transgender Groups.
Flikker Network: Int'l network for female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals—see Transgender Groups.
Transsexual Support Group for FTMs and MTFs kicked out of their families—See Transgender Groups.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.
WSSM (Women Supporting SM) meets in Sonoma County the 1st Sun of each month. Call M for location: (707) 525-9822
Leatherdykes Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather; positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: (510) 654-1591 Eastbay.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
Lesbian EI Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.
Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness. Meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with EI a priority. Both chairs & bed available at mtg. 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.
UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups
Stanford Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
BASIL (Bay Area Sicilian & Italian American Lesbians). Una famiglia de lesbiche addressing cultural & political concerns of Sicilian & Italian American lesbians, gain awareness of our ethnic identity, resist assimilation into Anglo culture. If you need a pasta mix, don't dine alone! Call Rosemary 237-6207 or Janet 654-3531. Newcomers welcome, half-bloods are OK.
Working Class Lesbian discussion, writing, visual arts group. A space for working class lesbians to share experiences of growing up working class, develop strong working class identity, make links between classism and other oppressions. Info: Yvette 584-5979.
MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Eating Disorder Support Group for men & women recovering from anorexia & bulimia. Call Tommy 750-9569 (leave message) for details
Hot Flashes, support group for premenopausal and post-menopausal lesbians. Call Judith 431-8146 for details.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy", "recovery addiction", "incest/battery therapy" and "discussion/consultation groups".**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans in SF at SF Native American Health Clinic, 56 Julian Ave, SF. All-Indian staff, no problem is too large or too small. Info/appt: Dr Lisa Quinn 532-2933.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling", "relationship", "recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618
Flikker Network: Int'l network for female-to-gay male and female-to-bisexual male transsexuals. For more info to write to Flikker Network, c/o R.K, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.
Transsexual Support Group for FTMs and MTFs who are permanently kicked out of their families. Gain support, discuss issues including financial survival, transition during recession, developing families of choice. Contact: RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.
SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

► YOUTH

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: Call 386-GAYS.
LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr): for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: Beth 252-6059.
"Jackson Street," meets weekly, Thurs from 4-5:30 pm. Are you lesbian, gay or bisexual, under 22? Looking for a group that's rap & therapy too? Want to talk about how to survive & deal with issues like coming out, sexual identity, survival, relationships, anxiety about AIDS & other health issues?—if you answered yes to one or all of the above questions, this group's for you! Come find support & help. Group facilitated by Ruth Hughes & Dave Johnson of Ctr for Special Problems. 1700 Jackson St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Franklin St), SF. Co-spons by Lesbian/Gay/Bi Minority Youth Program. Info: Ruth Hughes, 558-4801.
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.
Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.
Ongoing theater writing class for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people of color, under 21. Wed 4-6:30 pm. Taught by Chicana lesbian writer/playwright Cherrie Moraga, writer-in-residence with Brava! For Women in the Arts. 2180 Bryant St, SF. Info/reg: Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment (LYFE) Program: 565-7681.

Letters...

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I would hope that anyone committed to combating discrimination will take this opportunity to contact their local BSA office and remind them that people of good conscience do not fund hatred and bigotry.

The United Way of the Bay Area is currently considering how to enforce its own anti-discrimination policy in regard to the Boy Scouts of America. At this pivotal moment, gays and lesbians can write to the Boy Scout Task Force of the United Way (410 Bush St., SF 94108) and demand an acknowledgement that the Boy Scouts of America's stand on homosexuality mocks the United Way's policy of nondiscrimination and, for that reason, the BSA should be immediately cut off from receiving any non-targeted United Way funds. This is the very least that the United Way can do, especially if it expects to continue to receive charitable contributions from the gay, lesbian and bisexual communities. We cannot, after all, afford to finance our own bashings.

Al Kielwasser
San Francisco

Astrology...

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scream and cry. The good news is that releasing anger and worry clears your psychic channels and makes you incredibly intuitive. Take out the psychic garbage and you'll find your creativity opening up in ways you'd never dreamed. *Happy Birthday: Nina Glaser, Jayj, Jacobs, Myrna Vladic, Steve Breckenbury!*

PISCES: Here you are with another birthday coming up soon, and the future seems overwhelming. Friendly help is available, but it is far more friendly than helpful. It is so hard for you to say no, but if you allow your friends to do you favors you really don't want done, you will end up contending with resentments on all sides. Just practice saying, "That's so sweet of you to offer, but..." Keep your schedule at hand. This is a great time for double booking and similar disasters. If you're in politics at all you will be invited to participate in something that will blow up now, but set the tone for the next couple of years. Better to stand aside and be ready to pick up the pieces.

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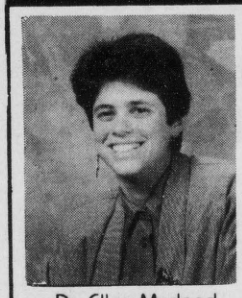
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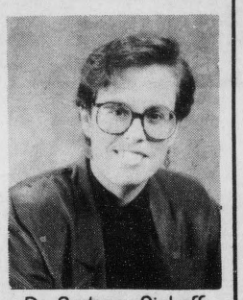
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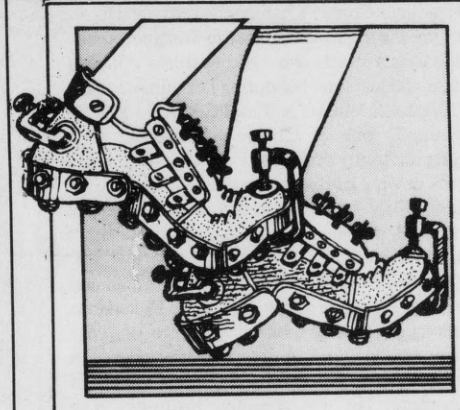
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A Promise Fulfilled

After singing the praises of the magnificent Pussy Tourette in my last column, I consider her subsequent live performance at Klubstitute as merely a promise fulfilled. From the blistering, long and dirty blues jam of "Free Pussy" to the jazzy burlesque stylings of "Seventy Dollars," it's clear that Pussy has a new road beginning for her, all paved with stars, as it should be for such a talented individual. She got a standing ovation out of the crowd that night, the first of what I assume will be many.

Headliner Connie Champagne remarked to me after the Pussy invasion that this was indeed one of the toughest acts she's had to follow. She, of course, did just fine, but during her third number, "(If You Are What You Eat) I Could Be You By Morning," one of Connie's strongest, most poignantly funny originals, I couldn't help thinking about what manner of steady diet was responsible for Miss Tourette's transformation. She just rocks hard, pure and simple. It was one fine night of top-notch talent.

Later that evening, unbeknownst to myself and just about everyone in the joint, Club Dekadance promoter Jeff Palmer took heroic control of a very unfortunate incident. A drag queen wandered in off of the street after being attacked outside of Klubstitute. He was bleeding profusely with several lacerations about his face and neck. Useless and rude were the police and the paramedics, which comes as no surprise considering how long it took them to respond to a call made a few weeks ago near closing time over a similar but less severe disturbance.

When the cops arrived they brusquely asked the bleeding man in drag if he could maybe sit up to answer their questions about the attack. Jeff responded by saying, "I am applying first aid to an injured person while we wait for an ambulance," to which the cop responded, "Well, whenever it's convenient." Jeff pointed out that this is never convenient. The injured party thanked Jeff for taking charge of the situation, her white dress drenched in blood as the medics arrived and administered attention with their hands gloved to the elbow in lime green latex. Jeff made him promise to give him the blood-stained dress as a token of appreciation for his help. I can see a conceptual performance piece at Dekadance taking shape already. The medics were jovial, giggling and maybe even discussing sports. They wore white also.

Photo by Karen Mason

Bomb

This isn't a John Waters crime fashion report, nor an image to adjust your television by. This just plain happened, and now it's up to us to take all necessary precautions to avoid similar attacks in the future. So from now on, put on your best duds and your most piercing "just leave me be" face and proudly march to and from the club in groups. Do not take unnecessary chances. Also, if you feel that police response is slow, uncaring or homophobic, phone up representative Jean Harris at the Mayor's Office (554-6141, ask for Jean I guess) in regard to the safety of the patrons of Klubstitute. I would also like to appeal to the Street Patrol for some placement of their volunteers in that area on Saturdays.

And for God's sake *don't* stop going to Klubstitute, because they've got more consistently demented events headed your way than you can shake a wig at. What other club will host a superstar like Holly Woodlawn one week and then a homo thrash band pissing in cups and putting microphones up their butts the next? Where else do you get semi-regular appearances by the ever-perfect Connie Champagne or Bambi, Omewenne, Dawn of Aquarius, Pansy Division, Tribe 8, and a host of drag greats? And how about those monthly presentations by the Sick and Twisted Players. Their productions of popular movies performed onstage at Klubstitute have served as a springboard into a run of legitimate theater dates for the troupe at Life on the Water where they'll recreate the film *Carrie*. Watch for details.

Also coming up at Klubstitute on Feb. 8 is the first presentation by the Modacrylic Players, a stage adaptation of David Lynch's *Wild at Heart* starring Elvis Herselvis and Glamoretta Rampage in their first post-nuptial public appearance. This play is brought to you by, and also features, Annette Extrordinaire and waitress from hell, Flynda. Sounds like a night of entertainment not to be missed. I saw the publicity stills alone and I was scared.

On the topic of drama, the scariest coat-check girl in town, Omewenne Grimstone, has two short plays going into production at the Bernice Theater, 21 Bernice St., off 12th between Folsom and Harrison. Directed by Cosley Wieczorek, *Visitations by Death* and *Snow Madchen* will run Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8. *Visitations* is a surreal work about several people soon to meet death (that Omewenne, she's such a cut-up!) and *Snow Madchen* is a Greek tragedy of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs in a more patriarchal state. There will be lots of blood and exploration of the oppression of women. "It was better than *Cats*."

Omewenne started writing these plays six years ago when she had a nervous breakdown while living in the Avenues, drunk and hanging out on traffic islands. She giggled when she told me that, so lighten up. Her work is astonishing.

Okay, enough already; this is supposed to be a rock music column and it's starting to sound like I'll be spending my twilight years seeing lame dinner theater productions of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* in Sonoma. I think not. I'm far more likely to fall and break my brittle hip in a slam pit someday, prattling on about how the kids don't know how to slam right.

Coming to the I-Beam on Feb. 1 is a great double bill featuring local rock gods Bomb, opening for the all-girl critical sensation from the Midwest, Babes in Toyland. It's been a long time since I've seen Bomb so I phoned their vocalist/ bassist Michael Dean to ask what they've been up to. The last I heard, they were playing a special showcase at Kommotion for someone from Warner Brothers a few weeks ago. I asked Michael how that went and as he started to tell me he said, "Hold on," then aside to someone in the room, "What do you want? I didn't call you. I don't do heroin anymore. Talk to the people in the other room; they called." His only fear of my mentioning this in print was that he might sound a touch imperious. I thought to myself that it really didn't hurt Jane's Addiction any in the publicity department, and speaking of that band, the individual who signed them to Warner Brothers will be present at another showcase by bomb in the near future. Warners also offered Bomb a $3,000 budget to go in the studio and record a new demo. The band has composed 14 new songs, one of which will have its live premiere tonight. It's called "Whore Love" and is, according to Michael, "A beautiful poem for all my friends in the sex industry." Another auspicious detail of the night is that Michael's mother will be there at the show, visiting from New York.

Michael also said he wanted to get their new publicity photo to me because "We're all shirtless and sexy." It arrived through my mail slot with penned-in details and this note on the bottom from guitarist Doug Hilsinger: "Here's a photo. I tried to get arty and messed up a little but

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Inside Lea DeLaria

By Val C. Phoenix

Photo by JM Flaherty

"I'm not a pretty little WASPy girl who stands in the middle of the stage. I run around, I say 'fuck,' and I sweat. I think people are ready for this now."

Yes, it's that time of the year again. Lea DeLaria, the bad girl of dyke comedy, is back in town. DeLaria, 33, a "professional lesbian" for ten years, left San Francisco in 1985 to find her fortune on the East Coast and is doing quite well, thank you. She's been offered a role in a film, has recorded an album, and will be working on a "docu-comedy" this spring, entitled *Inside Lea DeLaria—Harder, Deeper, Faster*. Her latest show, *butchfemmelezziedykefag*, opened at Josie's Jan. 29 and is running through Feb. 9. Call 861-7933 for show times.

DeLaria's humor has been described as angry, vulgar and raunchy. She willfully skewers the figureheads of lesbian and gay culture. Take Holly Near—Please. DeLaria zeroes in on the singer/actress/activist and strikes pay dirt. An early DeLaria joke imagined Near having an orgasm: "Nicaragua! Nicaragua!" Her current show reprises her ode to lesbian solidarity, "Ms. DeLaria's Dating Tips for Dykes," in which she responds to audience questions in her outrageous fashion.

In addition to doing traditional stand-up, DeLaria is fond of running amok in her audiences, improvising madly. Performing comedy without a net, she says, "scares the hell out of people, and I love that. There's a little bit of danger in a Lea DeLaria concert."

To sweeten the deal for the audience, she incorporates music, her second love, into the act. She is an accomplished singer of jazz, scat and be-bop, and her act now runs 50/50 comedy and music. DeLaria feels, "Singing makes me more human" to the audience, and is glad to oblige.

Now based in Cambridge, Mass., DeLaria spends her summers performing in Provincetown, where she is a big draw, and touring nationally during the winter. While in Atlanta in mid-January, she recorded her first album, to be called *Bulldyke in a China Shop*, for her new label, G Spot Records. DeLaria is clearly excited with the results. "It was terrific. We taped it at a 700-seat house in Atlanta and flew in some musicians. It's a combination of comedy—the best of what I've been doing for the last two years—and a bunch of be-bop standards: "Don't Get Scared," "Boppin'," "Straight Up, No Chaser." "With the album, I'm doing what I do best. If you're with me, great. If you're not, don't buy the album."

The show she's brought into San Francisco, though, is "completely different from last year, except for the Dating Tips, which change every night anyway. I have new comedy material and several different types of music." DeLaria says she loves to come back to San Francisco. "I'm surprised how many people remembered me. You don't have to take people by the hand here and lead them through the joke. It's more politically oriented."

Though she's talked about topics like the Clarence Thomas hearings in the past, DeLaria doesn't consider herself a political comedienne. For example, she's not talking about Thomas now. "It's old news now. The difference between me and a more political comic, say Kate [Clinton], is that Kate will do it for awhile and then she'll do something new. The day of the hearing, I was talking about it. As soon as I heard about that pubic hair, Bang! I was on it. I had two jokes in mind. The rest of what came out became my Clarence Thomas material. I'm funnier when I'm spontaneously funny."

DeLaria is hard pressed to explain her newfound prominence. "Either the world has caught up or I've calmed down. Maybe I've become more safe." In her early days at the Valencia Rose, her persona was more angry. She recalls being known as "the fuckin' dyke" for her generous use of the phrase. When asked how her act has changed, DeLaria responds that her material now comes from a strong political standpoint, "a love of people in the community. I used to be a spoiled brat."

She credits some of her changed outlook to getting clean and sober. "I used to drink when I was happy and when I was sad." Noting that she was 23 when she started performing as a comic, she says, "The scene was all drinking and drugging. I went from being the average Joe dyke to being recognized. I could get a free drink or a free line of coke. So, what I did was I drank and I did a line of coke. What a great job to have!" Asked what prompted her to get help, she replies, "Honey, you only have to wake up once with pizza stuck to your face." Sober for over two years now, she is clear on the advantages: "Now I can remember when I have sex."

Not that it's been easy. "I walk around like a raw wound. I have to feel everything." Then, brightening, she adds, "I've implanted a crystal in my vagina—my beaver receiver—to channel the Goddess." Though far from pleased with that time in her life, DeLaria says, "I'm just gonna go on and try to take it slowly and live the rest of my life as best I can."

DeLaria feels her act is about "challenging the taboos of silence. I challenge the stereotypical norms of what is a lesbian." She also wants to change the world. "I'm making a difference. I know I am. People come up and tell me: 'When I came in here, I didn't like queers.'" She makes it a point to promote other lesbian performers, as well. "I've never understood why we in the lesbian community don't do that. I've always been one to pull other people up on stage with me. There's enough room for all of us. If I see someone I think is funny, she goes up on stage with me," she says, mentioning Maggie Cassella and Georgia Raggsdale as examples.

DeLaria is particularly bothered by lesbian performers who are not out to their straight audiences, a practice she calls "having your vagina and eating it, too." She says, "It sucks, and we should stop supporting those people." Her solution is to call for a "good, old-fashioned commitment to the community. I do not believe in outing.

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Beat This...

hey, we're still beautiful." I'll say. Michael also asked me if I knew anybody who had anything to do with the gay male leather fantasy magazine *Drummer*, because he would like to get a pictorial set up in that publication of the band's drummer (pictured on the far left) Tony Fag. That is, by the way, Tony's real name but I'm not sure if his wife took it on when they married. He'd be happy to do it if he was paid and I think it would be a novel way of crossing that ever-unfathomable gap between homo- and heterosexual orientations by providing a real rock 'n' roller (the music gays love to hate) to pose nude for the erotic stimulation of leathermen (not Tony's preferred partners) giving their Accu-jacks a good workout while envisioning the great American Leatherman dream —a home with a basement just screaming to be a dungeon. Now isn't that beautiful!

Well, I know I wouldn't miss this show for the world. I love meeting people's parents. "Well, hello Mrs. Dean. I certainly see where Michael gets his good looks." Besides, there's nothing like a Bomb show, I know from years of experience and I'd even wager that they'll be the next SF band signed by a major. My next tattoo is definitely going to be a round black bomb with a lit fuse.

At press time I was unable to give Babes in Toyland a listen but I hear they write a lot of songs about their boyfriends and they know more than a bit about thrashy, unintelligible expressions of anger. Rock writer Greil Marcus is reportedly very fond of this group. Don't miss it—February 1, 10 pm, $5-$6.

FUSION

Lewis Walden and Michael Blue of Uranus, Chaos, Pulse, Screw and Euphoria (remember?) fame have joined forces with Nikki Rivera of Faster Pussycat and the Detour fame to bring to clubland a new Thursday night venue at Club O beginning Feb. 6, called Fusion. With this club the trio hopes to mix things up a bit and draw more equal contingents from dyke-dom and fag-dom, always a welcome endeavor in my book. Michael will be doing various theme nights in the smaller room there while Lewis and Nikki work the larger swimming pool room. They'll be featuring dancers as usual, free admission on opening night, plus the inimitable Miss Kitty will perform. The three promoters are very excited about the possibilities of this huge, centrally located, fabulously decorated space and I'm pleased as can be that a forceful queer punch is gonna hit SoMa right in the groin where it used to flourish. Just think how nice it will be to walk past the club and look up at the balcony without getting a cigarette flicked on you by someone from Concord wearing slacks and repression that went out years ago. This crew has done good by us for years so I expect a decent and lively night spot. How could it be anything but that? After all, Michaeldrake is bartending. Sometime when he's really busy, ask him how to make a Hormone. See you on Thursday.

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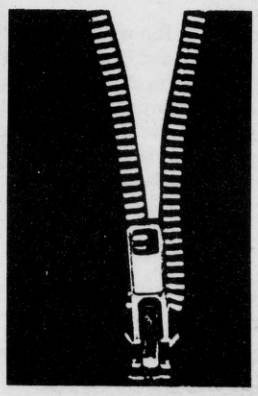

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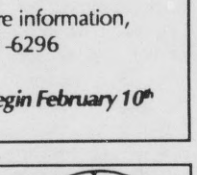

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LOUNGING ABOUT

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

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Ms. Sandra Bernhard

Sandra Redux

It's a pity I wasn't on hand for Sandra Bernhard's Jan. 24 show, when she called for my blood. I guess Ms. Sandra didn't like the results of our phone encounter, published in the last *SF Bay Times* issue. Hey, Sandra. It wasn't great for me, either. There I was, the most mild-mannered of reporters—a lesbian Clark Kent, if you will—temporarily transformed by the grace of Sandra's hissy fit into SUPER DYKE—infamous confrontational journalist, able to leap into comedy acts and daily newspapers at will! Nah, it doesn't suit me at all. So let's let the matter rest and return to our regular programming....

D'CUCKOO
DNA Lounge, Jan. 17

The neon sign at the front of the stage announcing the band set the tone for a flashy set by D'Cuckoo. The four performers convey their electronic world beat sound through homemade marimbas and drums, and the resulting stage setup is intense. High tech doesn't begin to describe the tangle of wires, drum pads and electronic doodads. True to their collective composition, D'Cuckoo as a unit had the flu, leaving them a bit less frenetic than usual, but still chipper.

The audience really got into the set when band member Bean decided it was time to bring out the MIDI ball, one of the band's interactive gizmos. It looks like a bunch of beach balls tied together in a cloth. Striking any part of it triggers preprogrammed messages, which are released as sounds. Great fun it was to bat the thing around, until it landed behind the bar, much to the displeasure of the staff.

The show went on with Rip wailing away on the drums, while Candice and Patti traded lead vocals. I watched a new form of fandom in progress: two guys doing air marimba motions. My only complaint was there were too few moments such as Candice and Bean smiling across the marimbas at each other, totally caught up in what they were doing. A bit of the freshness got lost in the technology.

LINDA TILLERY
Slim's, Jan. 18

Tillery is one of the godmothers of the local music scene, and an under-credited one at that. She turned up with her Hootchie Cootchie Band to headline a night of Women of Soul and R&B. By the time Tillery went on, it was well after midnight, and the crowd, which had been dancing boisterously to the two earlier bands, thinned out and actually listened to what she was singing. Once Tillery took the stage, more women, including one or two same-sex couples, moved onto the dance floor with an easy grace. The singer encouraged people to let it all hang out, and she showed the way with a mix of smooth urban contemporary style numbers, as well as some belting R&B. She covered Marvin Gaye's "Inner City Blues" and Otis Redding's "I Got the Will," but dipped into her own catalogue as well, with "Secrets" and "Pretty Lies," the latter capped by an extended high note that the singer reached with ease. The performance concluded with a drawn out, sizzling version of "Freeway of Love," which allowed the members of the band to shine.

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK
Zellerbach Auditorium, Jan. 24

Zowie! What a show. My only previous Sweet Honey show was a rain-drenched performance in Michigan a couple years ago. This show captured the full range of their powers, plus I could see them up close without getting soaked. A capacity crowd rocked the rafters of Zellerbach in appreciation of the raw and graceful emotion being unleashed onstage. The five singers weaved intricate harmonies, but also shone as soloists. For example, Bernice Johnson Reagon took center stage to instruct the audience in singing the line, "This is a mean world to try to live in." She chided us, "No, you've gotta get an attitude about it. You can't be relaxed." Nitanju Bolade-Casel gave her all to the notion that "Folks would never suffer if there was more love for your sisters and brothers." She gave way to Ysaye Maria Barnwell booming out a walking bass line on a gospel-influenced song. Evelyn Maria Harris sang about moving toward tomorrow, a graceful gesture of her hand taking in the women around her as she sang, "I've got all of these."

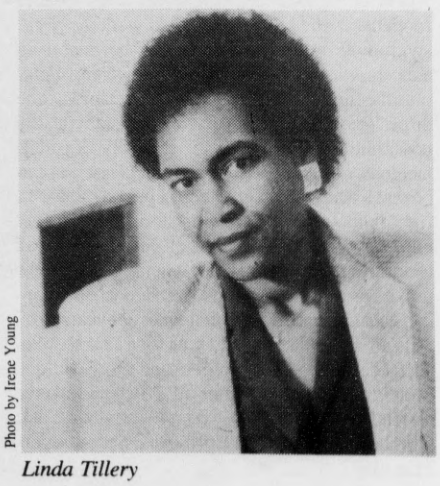


Photo by Irene Young

Linda Tillery

Bolade-Casel informed us after the intermission that we had come to her favorite part of the show, the one that "talks about women, how important we are. We have to praise ourselves, 'cause you men have designs on the world for yourselves." The place erupted in shrieks. I loved it. They moved through the African song "Denko" to the stunning "Colors," a pro-choice song which featured Bolade-Casel and her sister Aisha Kahlil singing in pained, whispered unison against a rhythmic background of "womb, womb, womb" provided by the other members. Any doubts about that word were erased by watching sign language interpreter Akua Opokuwa repeatedly point to her belly.

The sisters teamed up again for a rap called "Women Should Be a Priority," which brought down the house. Kahlil was in her element, strutting across the stage, declaiming "No means yes—only in a man's mind." Harris wrapped her sinewy voice around "Gift of Love," a hot song rife with sensuality. The falsetto line, "I'm only seconds from the point of no return," followed by Harris' drawn out, "Here I come..." brought appreciative chuckles from the crowd.

Using only their voices and occasional percussion instruments, the group transported us far, far away in songs such as "Chile, Your Waters Run Red Through Soweto" and the climactic "State of Emergency." They were brought back for two encores, delivered as rounds, with the group moving slowly offstage as the audience took the song to its conclusion. The performers circled the stage, bobbing and swaying, before leaving the stage one by one: Reagon and Barnwell moving firmly and strongly off, Bolade-Casel swaying, Kahlil and Harris clowning a bit, and Opokuwa bringing up the rear. Magical.

SANDRA BERNHARD
Warfield Theater, Jan. 25

Well, I may never get invited to Sandra's birthday party, but I can say she puts on quite a show. *Giving 'Til It Hurts* continues the performer's fascination with pop culture and celebrity, delivered in character monologue and song with dollops of camp. Before the show let out, we'd accompanied Sandra's incarnation of the moment through a tragic obsessive relationship with an American ex-patriate in Paris, observed her audition for a Broadway revival of *Funny Girl*, and followed her to San Francisco to meet her first girlfriend. We'd also seen her bare her breasts, grab her crotch and dance to disco music in heels. A deadpan rendition of Peggy Lee's "Fever" segued into Sandra's comment, "Some people are confused by my sexual ambiguity. Nobody is more confused than me. One day I'm playing with the Chiquita banana, and the next I'm eating Crab Louis." Uh, huh. In another segment, Bernhard bemoaned her status as a "beautiful, international model-spokesperson" who has to fight off all the models clamoring for advice. The most heartfelt character was Bernhard recalling her high school years in Scottsdale, Arizona. She recollected being a nerd who sought the friendship of the most popular girl in school and her anguish at being stood up for a Cat Stevens concert. Even this didn't go down easily. Bernhard's observation that "Whoever you were in high school you are for the rest of your life" was met by hisses from the predominantly gay and adoring crowd, no doubt remembering their own awful teen years. "What? What is this shit? Fuck you. You are like a bad Toni home perm," snapped Sandra to great applause, before resuming her tale. Closing with "Me and Mrs. Jones" as sung by a lesbian lounge singer, Sandra mourned the passing of happier days "before this Pete Wilson thing went down. We're gonna kick his white ass."

FILM

On Screen: '92 And The Flap Over Censorship

BY RANDY TUROFF

Dedicated to the dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and with the theme of "honoring women's work," the 8th Annual Northern California Women in Film and Television Festival kicked off at the Roxie. Some of the films, like *Maria's Story* and *Can You See Me Flying?* we've seen before. What I was particularly interested in viewing was the Sunday three-hour double program of back-to-back shorts. Included in the program were a number of lesbian videos from a multi-cultural group of filmmakers exploring themes of eroticism, race and class relationships, and fundamentalism as it impacts lesbian-identified practicing Christians. The range of voices and styles in these shorts was broad, and the differences from filmmaker to filmmaker kept the program fresh and unpredictable. I enjoyed the potpourri of programming. Unfortunately, something rather startling happened at the festival.

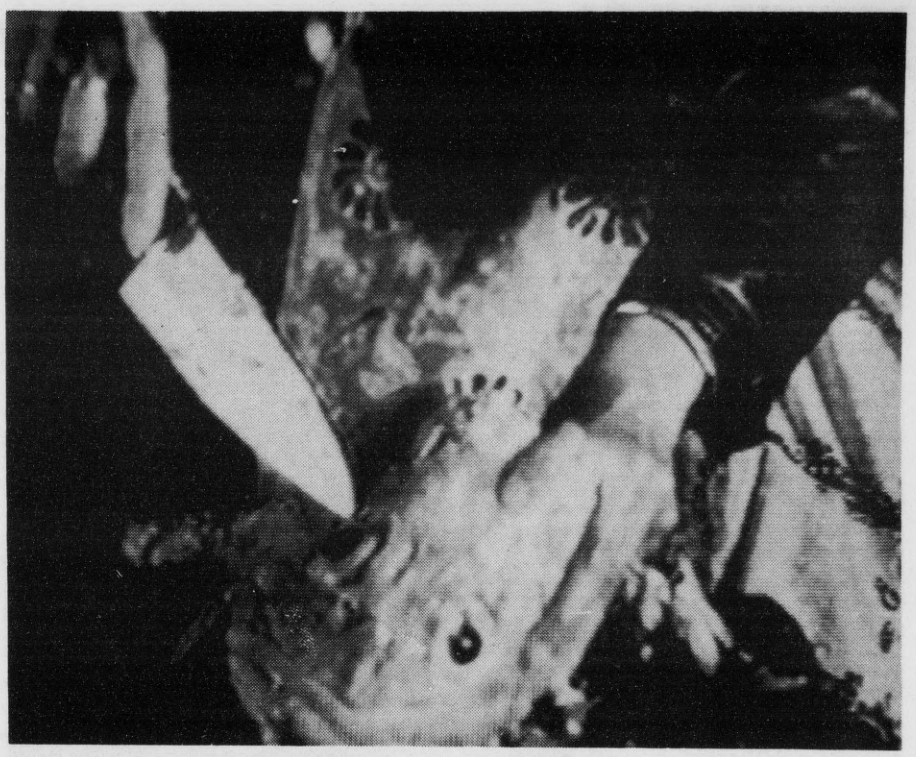
An angry hissing audience walked out, en masse, during the screening of a video called *Malaysian Series 1-6* by Azian Nurudin. The film was comprised of a series of brief performance pieces. The audience interpreted the series as an escalation of violence approaching repugnancy by the fourth segment. What's interesting is that the audience sat through an earlier seven-minute video by the same filmmaker (*Nancy's Nightmare*) which was an explicit showing of two lesbians involved in a light whipping, leather scene in a dungeon, to the musical accompaniment of "These Boots Are Made for Walking." The audience chuckled during this one. What happened in *Malaysian Series* to trigger such revulsion and disdain?

The short film was purposely a punk attack on Western culture. In the first segment, a faceless woman dressed in a Malaysian sarong and a black leather jacket is seen rhythmically whipping a portable TV on top of a stove. The scene is shot, creating a dark and ominous ambience, with electrified deconstructed tribal-scream music assaulting the soundtrack. In the second segment, the same woman, with the same music, in the same garb, is unrelentingly beating a toaster with a chain. In the third sequence, she starts by squirting ketchup over the walls of the studio and beats a platter of food on the table. The violence mounts as she starts hacking away at a fish head with a knife, gouging out its eyes. This is the point at which the audience became incensed.

For one thing, the fish head, although obviously dead, looked remarkably alive with its eyes and face staring at the camera. The desecration and objectification of a once-alive being brought up all sorts of feelings for women in the audience. Even though the desecration was symbolic, the direct anthropomorphism caused a lot of people with whom I spoke in the lobby to interpret the symbolic act as fascistic and Nazified. Many seemed to feel that staying for the rest of the film would be like participating voyeuristically in an act of cruelty and torture. It certainly didn't help matters that of the few men in the audience, two of them were obviously getting off on the violence, shouting out things like: "Kiss it. Beat it!"

By the time the fourth segment began, with the woman demolishing a male mannequin hung from a noose, most of the audience had left the theater. The flap over the film became more heated when one of the volunteer coordinators of the festival took it upon herself to stop the film before it finished. The handful of people still in the audience were outraged at the censorship. One of the men was screaming up at the projectionist: "Who do you think you are, the daughter of Jesse Helms?" After a few minutes, the projectionist put the film back on.

I spoke to Fatima Cortez, the executive director of *On Screen,* who rushed over to the Roxie from a festival event which was happening simultaneously at New College. She made a public statement before the crowd at the next program apologizing if anyone was offended by the previous segment. She said that never again would any film be stopped, even if the entire audience walks out. "I don't have to personally agree with everything being said, but I agree to the right of the filmmaker to have the work shown." Cortez



reiterated her position that the festival is obligated to show alternative works, whether or not everyone agrees with the point of view. When I asked her if she had any idea that the film would be so controversial, she shook her head "No." If she had been there, the film would never have been shut down. On the other hand, giving it a second thought, Cortez said that perhaps Nurudin's work should have been screened separately as it didn't seem to work in the mixed perspective program.

I contacted the filmmaker, Azian Nurudin, and found out that she had actually been in the audience, incognito, during the whole fiasco. She was angry at the act of censorship. She said that the film had been shown elsewhere without a problem; however, during its recent screening at the New York Lesbian/Gay Film Festival, the audience was reportedly "antsy."

Nurudin is a Malaysian woman of Moslem descent, well-versed in performance art and contemporary video. Her work has been widely shown in various video and installation festivals. Her intent with the film was to present a punk attack on consumerism and Western influences on Malaysian culture. Obviously, she didn't get that particular point across. She was upset that the audience didn't understand the historical perspective or cultural implications of her work. According to Nurudin, the postmodern tradition of performance art, surrealism, and the use of Warholian repetition seemed to be lost to the audience as a point of reference. Somehow the audience did not appreciate what she refers to as the "aestheticization of violence."

What disturbed Nurudin as much as the censorship was that the group which left the theater was apparently spurred on by another filmmaker whose work had preceded hers. Nurudin claims that the filmmaker had shouted from the aisle: "You don't have to stay here and see this," and that the filmmaker suggested everyone leave the theater and have a dialogue across the street at Cafe Picaro. As a member of the audience, I had also heard someone shout from the aisle, but I had no idea who it was. I stayed for the finale of the film and by the time I went across the street, the group was winding down on a discussion about sex and violence and objectification, and the filmmaker was speaking about her own work.

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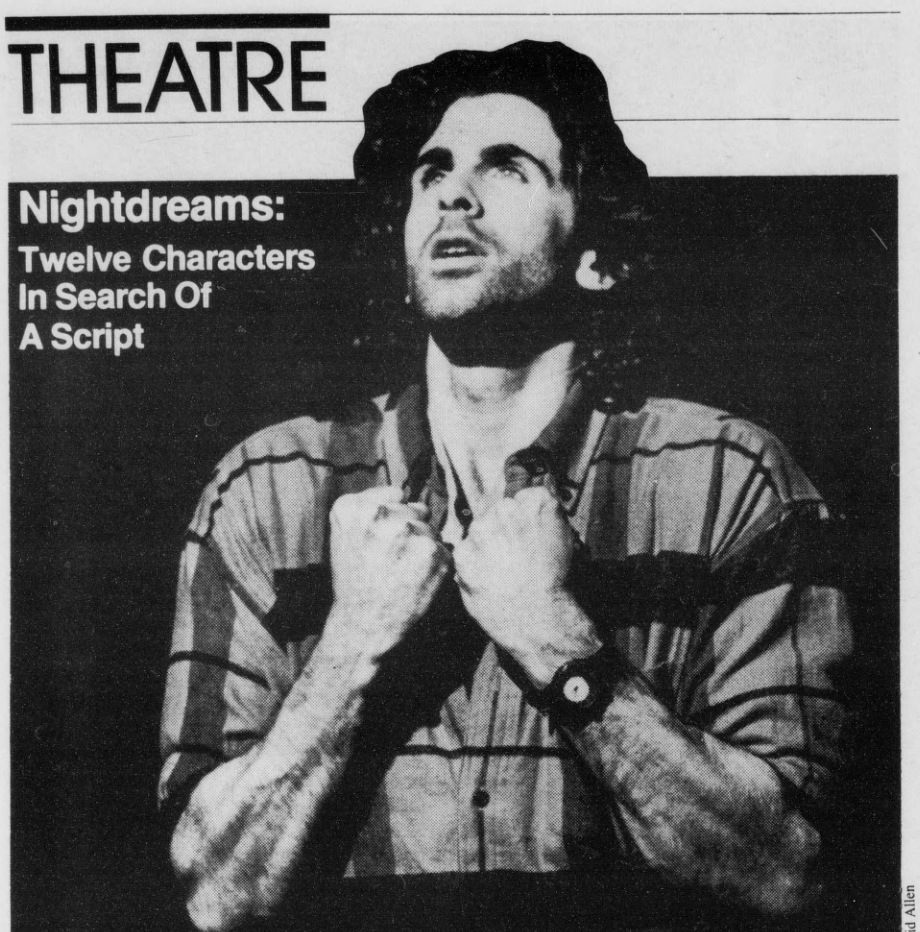

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Michael Visconti stars in Nightdreams

Nightdreams: Twelve Characters In Search Of A Script

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Steve Merritt's *Nightdreams,* a high-tech rock musical about a guy and his seven alter egos in a mid-life crisis, may well be the most pretentious bit of fluff to hit town in some time. Pity, too, because Merritt is a fine choreographer (*Beach Blanket Babylon* and the revival of *West Side Story* at San Jose CLO). But Mark Donnelly's script is a compilation of psycho-pop cliches, and the taped musical score with its incessant percussive beat defeats the occasional pleasant melody.

A program insert advises that all of the lead vocals are sung *live* by the cast. Does this give you a clue? The singers are inexplicably equipped with those distracting telephone operator headset mikes. Dehumanizing to say the least, the drinking straw mikes are not particularly helpful to lead actor Michael Visconti who spends considerable time staring out into the audience as though awaiting a cue card change.

The set, a catwalk construction intersected by laser beams, leaves the stage free for the dancers and the Chippendale-choreographed set pieces of the seven alter egos. The three dancers, dressed in black vinyl vests, black harem pants, black boots and looking like Star Trek villains, were superb (especially the brilliant Greg DeSilva) though their MTV comings and goings had little to do with the plot or the hero's self-pitying predicament.

Nightdreams opens in bed on the 38th birthday of Rick, played by lanky, tousle-haired, unshaven (in the manner of last year's GQ models) Visconti. Current girlfriend Jackie (fine actor/singer Meg Mackey) has just been called Kathy. She jumps out of bed, dresses (in an unattractive, too-tight, too-short dress), belts her big aria, "Never Again," and takes off. (We, unfortunately, see little of her again for the next two hours.)

Then the boys strut out, the alter egos of Rick's splintered psyche: stud, macho pig, sensitive male, innocent teenager, nerd, leather hunk—a sundry lot to ask for advice on how to sustain a relationship with a woman. But one by one they have their say, or song, and much of it begins to sound textbook familiar. Even the music recalls bits of the "Soliloquy" from *Carousel,* and borrows from the mirror scene in *Man of La Mancha.*

Rick's tortured nightdream also recalls a father who deserted him and a mother who told him on his 15th birthday, "I should've had an abortion 15 years ago." The mother (Lila Lloyd) is required to perform an overlong plea for forgiveness that would have embarrassed Stella Dallas. Actor Sally Moore, as a childhood admirer of Rick, was blessed with a simple and sincerely delivered speech that was the most moving moment of the show.

Of the 15 musical numbers, five merit mention: "Once Upon a Time," sung by Forrest Gardner, the musical's most accomplished singer/actor and a performer of considerable charisma; "A Place Where I Can Start From," sung by Gardner and Visconti; "A Woman Needs," a torch ballad sung by Mackey, then joined by Visconti and Parker Kane; and "If I Could Go Back," a nice tune effectively delivered by Tony Hayes as the father.

Two of the production numbers stand out for sheer audacity: "Macho Pig," danced and sung by Gary Goldman with the company, and "Where Can I Get One in White," again led by Goldman. The latter number involved three onstage urinals, a white guy on each side and soul brother Gardner in the middle. The white guys cannot resist checking him out, and when he departs, both break into their rousing penis-envy anthem.

What can I tell you? The sensitive male alter ego, played by Parker Kane with considerable restraint and believability, wins out in the end. More or less. But the finale, dramatically calling for a "breakthrough" by the hero and a reconciliation with Jackie, is nevertheless sung by a seemingly unrepentant Rick. Jackie is permitted to step forward, sing a couple of lines, but is quickly relegated to the chorus. Rick sings "The Rest of Me, The Best of Me," to his headset. Were those two hours of sensitivity training all for naught?

I would be remiss in my duties if I did not report that women apparently love this show. Watching those preening, crotch-grabbing males strut the stage must make them feel ultimately superior.

Nightdreams has been extended at the Marines Memorial Theatre through Feb. 23. Call 771-6900 or BASS/Ticketmaster outlets.

Love and Anger

REVIEWED BY ROBERT WILLDEN

A down-at-the-heels attorney—once a "greedy prick," now reborn as a mensch (the result of a debilitating stroke)—takes on a powerful and sleazy newspaper publisher who is in cahoots with his former law partner. Enlisting the aid of his trusty secretary and her schizy sister, this New Age attorney teams up with his only client: an angry young Black woman, whose husband has been unjustly imprisoned. With this dysfunctional quartet—"There's something about the dynamics of this group that keeps us from focusing properly"—he goes about setting things right for his client and the world, tilting at windmills in a series of misadventures. Everything works out in the end. Sort of.

The Actors Theatre presents the U.S. premiere of *Love and Anger,* the 1989 award-winning comedy by George F. Walker. Chris Phillips ably directs.

This entertaining, high-energy production stands out for the quality of its individual performances. Award aside, the playwright seems to have thrown everything into this sloppy potboiler script to keep the theatrics going over the top.

Keith Phillips, as repentant attorney Peter ("Call me Petie") Maxwell—would-be reformer of social imbalances—is just right. "Petie" at times stumbles over his words just like the stroke victim he is (and almost like an actor not quite secure with his lines). "I am a citizen of the new era," he rhapsodizes. "I call it getting even," he rants on, philosophically befuddled, a modern-day Don Quixote.

Lisa Ramirez's portrayal of Sarah Downey, token schizophrenic of the piece, is by turns chilling and manic. Sarah acts with unremitting logic based on screwball premises; for a while, she is convinced she is Black, to the point of singing "We Shall Overcome," and being terrified of "beefy white guys." But much of the time she wheels and shuffles around like a physical embodiment of Harpo Marx. Her presence energizes a play starting to go flabby, and she filches most of the laughs.

Sarah's confrontation with newspaper tycoon/gangster Babe Connor (Louis Parnell) and Petie's former law partner and politician-to-be, Sean Harris (Michael Smith), is hilarious. Survivor that she is, Sarah moves from abject fear—believing the two are Nazi Draculas because of their black-tie attire—to craftily pretending to strike a deal with them. Veering sharply between sanity and madness, she keeps them terrorized. When "reinforcements" arrive in the person of Gail, the angry young wife, an extremely physical slapstick skirmish ensues. Afterward, an exultant Sarah proclaims, "I think I should have started hitting earlier in my life. I feel great." If this play has a message, that's it. With everyone getting in touch with his/her hostility, maybe the play should have been simply called "Anger."

Dolores Laughton gives a solid performance of Petie's trusted secretary Eleanor Downey; Lisa Winlock plays the angry young wife, Gail Jones.

With so many loose threads trailing throughout the play (racial relations, sexual betrayal, social inequity, treatment of the mentally disturbed, and on and on...), it is not surprising that nothing much is wound up by play's end.

But what a mad scramble in the last scenes. Bad guy Babe is suddenly a pussycat. Turns out this quasi-hood gets his feelings hurt when guys like Petie call him names, and he'll be nice from now on. Petie conveniently expires, and Gail and Sarah become friends to carry on Petie's flickering torch. Wow.

Love and Anger plays through March 8, 8 pm, at the Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter. Call 296-9179.

Grand Hotel

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

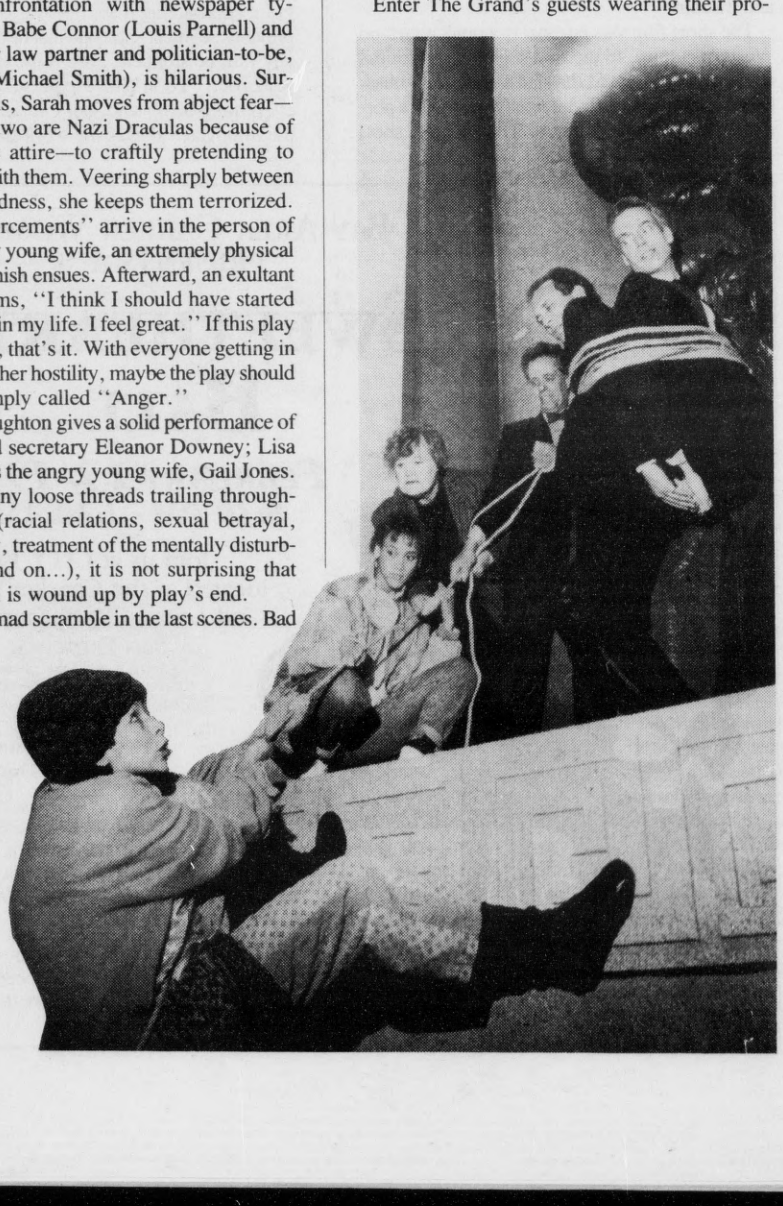
Tommy Tune's *Grand Hotel,* based on Vicki Baum's novel and the star-studded 1932 movie about a landlocked ship of fools in 1928 Berlin, may well be the most choreographed musical ever. Chandeliers rise and lower, a revolving door spins to introduce The Grand's guests, as doormen, bellboys, a concierge, scullery workers and telephone operators complete the shifting scene. Between the lobby's four glass pillars, rows of gilded ballroom chairs are rearranged to suit the musical's mood while a countess and her gigolo segue in an elegant tango through the interwoven stories.

Tune's superb staging and remarkably seamless direction (the area between the pillars is one moment a ballroom, the next a bedroom, conference room, bar, powder room and lobby) almost disguises the fact that Baum's original story is a many-layered torte of cliches. The talent and performances are stunning. But for all its flair, its brilliantly faceted footwork, the muted glow, *Grand Hotel* has no heart.

The serviceable score by Robert Wright and George Forrest has been considerably augmented and revised by Maury Yeston. Not particularly memorable, the songs are nevertheless superbly integrated into the plot and, other than a couple of raffish ensemble numbers, most have to do with character revelation.

"People come, people go...life goes on," chants the bitter narrator, an eye-patched doctor at the corner of the stage; but life for many of the hotel guests is running out—just as the era itself is dancing on the edge of depression and war.

Enter The Grand's guests wearing their pro-



The cast and characters of "Love and Anger"

Debbie de Coudreaux in "Grand Hotel"

blems on their sleeves. Lithe, regal Lilianne Montevecchi as Mlle. Grushinskaya, the ballerina on her *very* last farewell tour. Moody, haunting, she sets just the right note as a woman needing one final love affair. That lover is the bankrupt baron and erstwhile jewel thief played by handsome, sterling-voiced Brent Barrett (finally Broadway has a leading man!).

DeLee Lively is the cake-frosting Flaemmchen, a slightly pregnant, Hollywood-bound baby blonde with a body that shimmies out of control. Mark Baker is the dying Jewish bookkeeper, Otto Kringelein, desperate for friends, a taste of the high life, and enough savings to pay for both. K.C. Wilson is the German businessman, facing ruin if the Boston merger doesn't go through, and lecher after Flaemmchen. Debbie de Coudreaux is Raffaela, the ballerina's mannishly attired companion who has been in love with her mistress for 22 years.

The big production numbers are "Who Couldn't Dance With You?" (the Baron, Kringelein and Flaemmchen), a raffish Charleston, "Happy" (led again by Kringelein and Flaemmchen), and a poignant "We'll Take a Glass Together" (the whole ensemble). Lost illusions, wrong turns, spent passions, and maybe a glimmer of hope, merge into a dreamlike finale, "The Grand Waltz."

Winner of five Tony awards, *Grand Hotel* plays at the Golden Gate Theatre through Feb. 16. Call 762-2277.

Dean Goodman: The Actor's Life for Me

REVIEWED BY DANIEL CURZON

Actor Dean Goodman, probably most widely known for playing the evil Mr. Bennington in the movie *Tucker,* recently did a stroll down memory lane for three nights at the Phoenix Theatre.

In a combination of reminiscences and scenes from roles he has acted during his more than 50 years in the theater, Mr. Goodman showed the range of his talents from the tragic to the comic. Overcoming what appeared to be stage fright early on, he did scenes from works about H.L. Mencken, Lyndon Johnson, and even Hamlet, crying and cleaving the air in the first half of the program and in the second half doing cockney comedy, a Lady Bracknell reading, and a comedic nightmare about a cocktail party with Yma Sumac.

The acting was the most vivid part of the evening. One could see the training and the talent taking over and transforming Mr. Goodman into the parts he was playing, the voice breaking, the tears starting.

Once he loosened up, his reminiscences engaged the audience and put them on his side against what no doubt are the agonies of choosing an acting career, a career beset with rejections that any actor must labor to disguise as not personal.

What seems to see most actors through is ego. Some might indeed call ego the strongest muscle in the human being, and it's certainly stood Mr. Goodman in good stead over the years.

The strongest feeling that came through is that Mr. Goodman, at age 71, can see the footlights fading, and is both unhappy about and resigned to the inevitable. As he remarked, actors, unlike some writers or musicians, are never discovered *after* they die.

On the stage was a chair, a small table and a portrait of Mr. Goodman as he was in 1953: young, blond and thin. On the lobby wall there were three pictures of the actor, in his 20s, in his 40s and in his 70s. This is the universal change that all people must contend with, and the most touching moments were those where the audience was reminded of the journey one man has taken from youth to age. Luckily for him, Mr. Goodman has enjoyed much success in his later career, and probably even made a few bucks.

No doubt, old friends, even old enemies, can only applaud, especially the feistiness of a Dean Goodman that still looks forward to a possible King Lear before the final curtain falls.

McTeague

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Frank Norris' novel *McTeague* is mostly remembered as the source of Eric von Stroheim's silent film *Greed* (a nine-hour film trimmed to slightly over two by the studio). The epic tale, set in turn-of-the-century San Francisco, featured a crude, self-taught Polk Street dentist and his innocent bride who, by winning a lottery, set the wheels in motion for their unrelieved descent into physical and moral depravity.

This sprawling study of social realism is treated in Neal Bell's dramatization and in Sharon Ott's direction as a series of quick-cut scenes that introduce the belching, farting, beer-swilling dentist McTeague (Jeffrey King), his pretty dental patient and wife-to-be Trina (Melissa Fraser Brown), and her cousin and his friend Marcus (Charles Dean). Subplots, intended to flesh out the milieu of the period, involve an older couple who share each other's lives by listening through the common wall of their adjoining rooms (Barbara Oliver and Mark Isaac Epstein), a junk dealer and his mad consort (Steven Anthony Jones and Mia Katigbak) and Trina's briefly seen mother (Ronnie Gilbert), who is forced by poverty to emigrate to New Zealand.

With little character development, Trina is soon revealed as the embodiment of greed. She will not touch her lottery winnings and begins squirreling away an odd gold piece or two. Marcus, who introduced her to McTeague, is now consumed by jealousy at their good fortune and brings about the dentist's downfall by exposing him as an unschooled fraud who learned to pool teeth as a dental apprentice in the mining camps.

King, as the boorish, eventually brutal, hero, does a superb job of eliciting sympathy for a man incapable of changing or perhaps of even understanding the world around him. Dean, as the Iago-like Marcus, gives his usual fully realized characterization. In the pivotal role of Trina, sketched by the playwright without significant motivation for her miserliness, Brown was little more than a pawn in the plot's episodic progression. Of the subplot cast, Mia Katigbak was particularly memorable.

McTeague continues at the Berkeley Repertory through Feb. 27. Call 845-4700.

DeLaria...

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I believe in changing society so it's easier to be out. I do not believe in duplicitousness, either. Make a choice. Be out or don't be out."

DeLaria plays to mixed audiences of straights and gays, men and women, and she says, "It can be done. You don't have to be closeted." She has no time for performers who say being out would hurt their careers or that it's a private issue. "In the best of all possible worlds, who I sleep with is nobody's business. But it's important to let people know how many of us there are. It's internalized homophobia to say it's not my business. Fine, your decision is to make money. Don't tell me it's not my business. Politically, it is." She pauses and chuckles. "Do I sound angry about this?"

DeLaria already has her eye on her next project, a two-act show she would like to call *Be-bop Bulldyke*, and she's been collaborating with lesbian filmmaker Susan Robinson on a possible film project. Then there's her upcoming role in the film, *Sticks and Stones*. Lea DeLaria, sober professional lesbian, will make her film debut as...a straight, homophobic bartender. "Ha, Ha," she cackles. "Isn't that a laugh!" Faced with a script, the comic wil have to rein in her more extravagant impulses. Describing her performance style, she concludes, "Basically, I open my vagina, and it pours out. Sometimes it's an orgasm and sometimes it's a yeast infection. You have to hope for the best."

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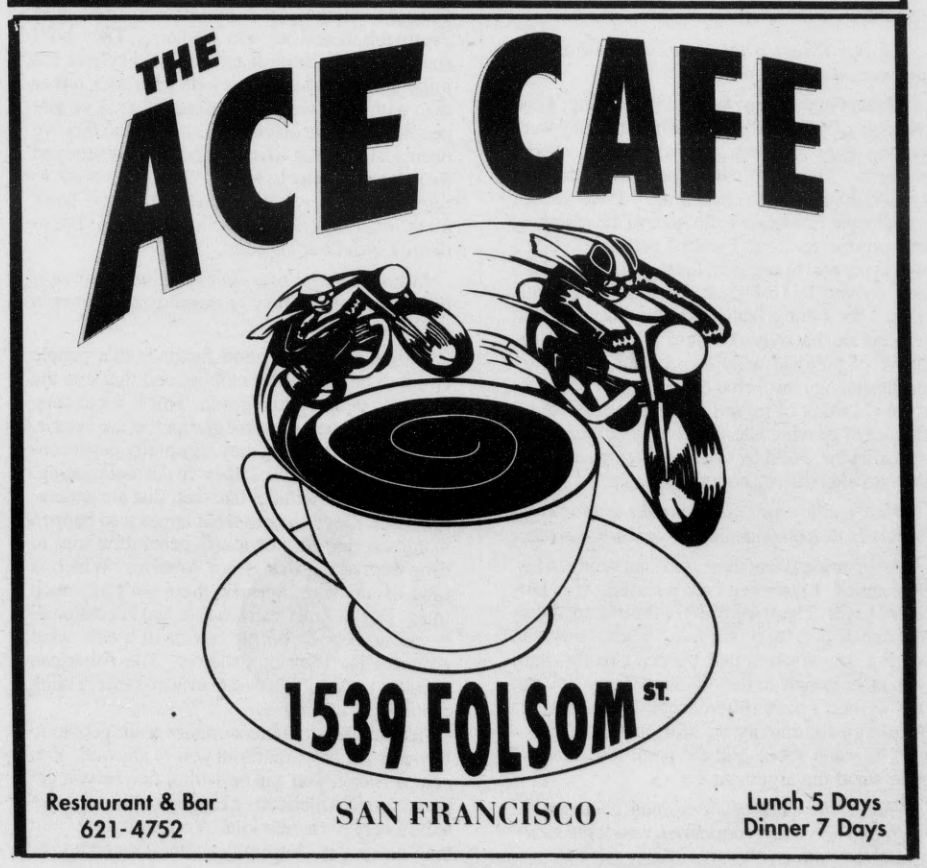

BOOKS

Experience & Expression: An Interview with Paula Gunn Allen

BY JACQUELINE ELIZABETH LETALIEN

Paula Gunn Allen's recently published book *Grandmothers of the Light: A Medicine Woman's Sourcebook* is a collection of myths from Native American oral tradition. These stories convey the beliefs, principles and realities of such tribal people as the Keres, Maya, Cherokee and Navajo. As well as her storyteller aspect, Paula Gunn Allen treats us to the insights of the scholar by including herstorical relevance, philosophical interpretation and scholarly explanation of these sacred traditions. These stories originate with her personal, spiritual experience. They illumine the female shamanic tradition and the relation between ritual magic and daily life.

Paula Gunn Allen herself is a complex collection of experience and expression. She is a mixed blood or as she describes herself, "a multicultural event." Because of this hera-tage, she is a woman who walks among many people. Her work finds a variety of forms, as she is a novelist, editor, poet, scholar, teacher. She is a professor of English, having taught at UC Berkeley and currently teaching at UCLA in the American Studies Department.

This interview with her is a poem disguised as journalism. The intent of any poem is to find the essence, the core, heart of the complexities we create, live. The Paula Gunn Allen I spoke with is the poet. This was a freeflowing conversation filled with laughter, mutual understanding and insight.

(SF Bay Times) What is your work; what's the purpose of your work?

(Paula Gunn Allen) When I was young, I had a couple of babies. I felt really bad that they were getting born into this godawful mess. And I thought: "They didn't ask to be born, so the least I could do was try to clean it up." I was young, so I thought I could do it. For years I did marching and protesting. Then I started getting too old; I was in my mid to late '30s. I just realized that from now on what I do is I speak, I teach, I write; that's what I do. I don't really like to think of myself as a political activist, because I don't really approve of political activists. After a long, very disillusioning, checkered career with political activism, I think of myself more as a creative influence. I provide alternative ways of thinking, of seeing the world by conceptualizing situations that are alternative, not oppositional.

What's your view about what the lesbian community is. Is it a community or is it just a group?

My intuition is that there is a community, a lesbian nation. Like when I did a reading at A Different Light. There were all these different dykes and one or two faggots. I felt, "phew"; we can share a conversation that we can't really share with other people or they'll take offense. It's not that we don't have differences; we do. I never heard of a community on earth that didn't have stuff to argue about. But the point is we can all understand the argument.

What is the work of the lesbian community? We're still very much considered outside the society in this country.

Hey, in this country we're positively integrated compared to some. Among the most important things that lesbians do, and gay men as well, is transformative. For example, around the turn of the century there were a bunch of literary lesbians, all of whom were writers, most of whom were publishers and owned bookstores. They changed contemporary literature: what got to be called literature, what got Pulitzer and Nobel Prizes. They opened up publishing and readership for Native American, Black, Asian or ethnic writers because they broadened the definition of literature just because of what they published. It made an enormous difference in how we think of literature. (Also) the women's movement is developed and largely led by lesbians. There's a tremendous contribution to the social world of law, to public policy, as well as to the arts. That's because lesbians tend to have the kind of mind that's "masculine" and (yet) they're socialized as women, so many have this feminized way of looking at things. It's about broadening definitions.

When I read mainstream newspaper editorials about political correctness, I smile because the awareness originated with the discussions that lesbians have among ourselves.

That's what I'm talking about exactly. I think that a lot of times lesbians get really aggravated that nobody's recognizing us. Actually we're probably safer; we're probably a lot more effective. One of the things about being a writer is that you're always outside. You never quite belong. It puts you in the position of creator and commentator. It gives your community or your society ways of assessing where it is, who it is and what's going on with it.

There are conversations about people reclaiming cultural backgrounds, particularly if one is Native or African or Mexican American. And then there's this group called "white people."

That's sort of like "Indians."

Sometimes there's a tendency to think that white people are not connected with any cultural background; this carries over for those of us who are mixed bloods. What's the value of all people reclaiming, understanding their cultural backgrounds?

Everybody does have a cultural background. Personally I wouldn't know who I was if I didn't know where I came from. My mother is Laguna and Lakota; she's also Scottish and my father is Lebanese. They were both raised in Mexican Chicano villages in New Mexico. She was Presbyterian and he was Catholic. They both spoke Spanish, English and Arabic. I believe it's important for us to connect with what's so, rather than with what we're pretending is so. I've met people who have origins in Europe, and they've been adamant that what's important to them and their families was to forget; they don't want to remember. They want something else; I don't know what. It strikes me as an odd thing. But to them it wasn't at all odd.

I wonder if that's a result of assimilation or if there's something they're running away from in their own countries.

I think the assimilation factor is that people (want to be) upwardly mobile, and that was the only way people could get up. This is not to deny the huge numbers of ethnic groups that are insular. They don't marry out; they stay pretty much connected with themselves; they're not assimilating. There are communities like that, that are generations old. Nevertheless what appears to happen is the second, third or fourth generation tries to drop everything that is not America. Which is kind of amusing, because there isn't any such thing. I'm an American scholar, and I occasionally ask somebody on the bus or in a cafe what America is. They don't know. The American scholars I ask don't have an answer either. I think it's a place in progress.

Institutions and bureaucracies want people to be one thing only; that's all you're allowed. You can be Black, you can be white; maybe you get to be Native American or Hispanic, but you have to be a very particular kind. You can't vary from the "norm." It's not really norm; it's stereotype. It has nothing to do with actual people. On campus, for example, there's always these silly fights going on in Native American studies about who's more Indian than whom. They call it: "more Indian than thou." It tends to be caused by students who for some reason, have just discovered their Indian-ness, and they tend to go nuts about it.

What about when people want to learn of a culture other than their own, and take on some of its aspects? For example, if someone from France wants to learn Native American spirituality, is there something dangerous in that?

There probably is. For one thing it really is sacred, and that doesn't mean what it usually sounds like in New Age words. If you don't belong to a community, it isn't as though you can just take a piece of it and then sort of fit it into someplace else. Modern people think you can take a piece of this, a piece of that and make Japanese shishkebab.

But Native systems don't work like Presbyterianism. You can't convert; it just can't be done. A lot of Native spirituality is about day-to-day life: the pain, agony, anger, conflict, disaster, misery, as well as fun, good times, bonding, sharing. The spiritual really isn't about beating a drum, going to a sweat, smoking a pipe, having a totem animal. Those are very minor parts. They don't work at all if you don't have the rest.

But everybody has a community, so the trick is to devise ways for people to have an ordered, organized understanding of harmony, balance and relationship or kinship; struggling through the shit as well as the shine; what that all means and how that creates a spiritual realm. I think you can teach that. But again, it's not about sweats. Some people just come so they can go home and say they did it. But most of them are really serious; they want to be nourished and they deserve more than cheap tricks. If you've started developing spirituality and you're not willing to do it in balance, it will cause disaster in your life, in the lives of people you love.

So the balance would be their own daily lives and finding their own community.

That's right, and that goes back to your earlier question. I don't think you can do any of this Indian work if you don't really know your own people. If you really know your own people, you can make the Indian teachings work in meaningful ways.

I wonder about messages that come through inheritance. For example, I didn't get a lot of information about French Canadians. Even though there was a disconnection, there are aspects of that culture that are in me, expressed in me.

That's right, there are. I know an enormous

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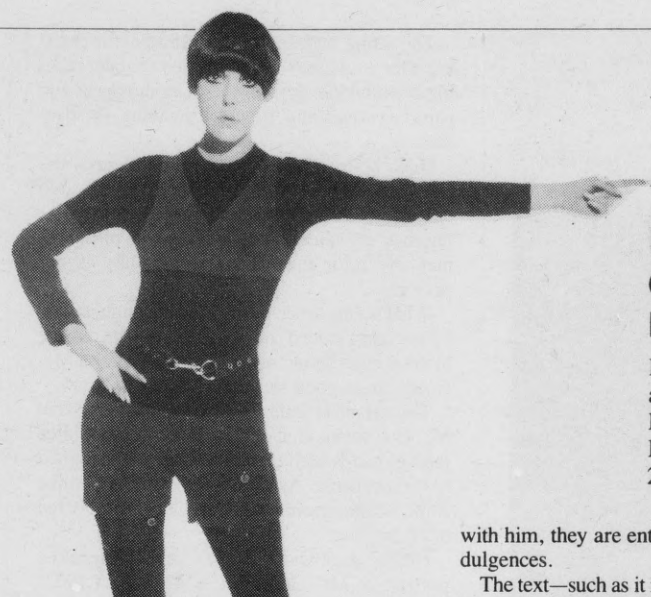

The Rudi Gernreich Book

By Peggy Moffitt
and William Claxton
Rizzoli International
Publications,
224 pp.

REVIEWED BY JACK FERTIG

There are times when the proliferation of 60s-style revenants makes me feel like I've been lost in an updated Hammer film. Get the hammer and stake, and let's give the decade a decent burial. Need I say, I was prepared to hate this book. Surprisingly, *The Rudi Gernreich Book* is a delicious reminder of what made the 60s so special: its electric creativity, the sense of constant breakthrough and unlimited possibilities. According to Peggy Moffitt and William Claxton, the married team of model and photog who worked with (all bow) RUDI Gernreich himself, is what made the 60s so special. They knew him, they loved him, they worked with him, they are entitled to the reverential indulgences.

The text—such as it is—is indeed somewhat interesting, chronicling the life and work of a man who, we are told, deconstructed, reconstructed, and revolutionized fashion and clothing. Little is made of other designers and social forces at work, but this is (all bow) RUDI's book.

We do get a glimpse of his private life. Although a founding member of the Mattachine Society and erstwhile lover of Harry Hay, Mr. Gernreich was of the sort to live his life openly without saying anything that was already plainly visible. Gernreich lived with Oreste Pucciani for 31 years, openly, but not with bold political announcements.

Political announcement was still a major part of Gernreich's fashions. His cutaways, bold clashing colors, stark geometrics, transparencies and exposures, were all part of a message of freedom. In the spring of 1970, just after the shootings at Kent State, Gernreich introduced military styles with guns as a "Back-to-School" look. The photos make the book. Just as Gernreich spoke through fashion, so this lavish coffee-table tome makes its most cogent statements through the wonderful fashion spreads. Playful, inventive designs jump off the page and tickle the imagination, reminding us that the freedoms and possibilities that we reached for 25 years ago still remain to be won.

Hometowns: Gay Men Write About Where They Belong

Edited by John Preston
Dutton, 1991, 366 pp.

REVIEWED BY JOE GARITY

Recently I bumped into a friend while riding up Market Street on the Muni Metro. We chatted about our jobs and mutual friends, and as we pulled into the Castro

Street Station, he turned to me and said, "We're home." Neither of us live in the Castro, but we both got the joke: For many lesbians and gay men, regardless of where they actually live, the Castro is home. I thought of that while reading John Preston's interesting new anthology *Hometowns: Gay Men Write About Where They Belong.*

The subtitle is purposely ambiguous. As Preston says in his introduction, talking about our hometowns raises the fundamental question, "Where do I belong?" He asked the writers to talk about "either their birthplace or the place where they've chosen to live as adults."

There are some important contemporary gay writers in this anthology, people like Essex Hemphill, Andrew Holleran, Christopher Bram and Lev Raphael. The writing in this book is excellent and each story is interesting, but I was disappointed that only male writers were included. I think the book could have been better if there had been lesbian stories of hometowns. How do gender and sex roles affect the way we perceive our hometowns? Including women would probably have given us a more complex vision of the subject.

But even without women writers, there is a wide range of stories here: One writer remembers growing up in Miami's Little Havana, another describes a group of gay friends gathering for Thanksgiving in Alaska, and another tells about returning to northeast Pennsylvania for his mother's funeral. Some of the stories are angry, some sad, and some funny. John Champagne remembers fantasizing "about the day I would lean across the couch toward Johnny Carson to deliver a scathing and witty diatribe against the horrible, claustrophobic, small-minded, culturally underdeveloped community in which I'd grown up."

There are stories from the obvious places: San Francisco, Fire Island, Greenwich Village, Provincetown, Key West (although the Key West story by Scott Tucker is surprisingly negative about the place). And there are also stories not so obvious: a story about a strong Canadian gay community in Halifax, Nova Scotia, or a gay Jew describing buying a home with his lover in Michigan, or an interracial gay couple living in the suburbs.

Some of the stories are quite moving: Mark Thompson describes as a teenager getting to know an older gay couple and seeing their love and how they lived and realizing they "were the first great teachers I had in life. Indeed, they offered the best lessons any young gay man could wish to have." Michael Nava, growing up Mexican American in Sacramento, uses the virtues he learned in one "embattled community" to endure and survive as a gay man.

Although individual life stories are often interesting, I'm always curious to see if people can see their lives within a historical context, understanding their lives not just as individual stories but as part of a community with a group history. Some of the writers begin their stories with histories of the places they are describing. And a few see their individual life stories as part of gay history. One writer describes being a teenager on a humid June night in Carmel, Calif., in 1969, noting that on that night, 3,000 miles away, the Stonewall Riots were taking place, although he knew nothing about them. Arnie Kantrowitz, who lived in New York in 1969, describes walking past "a crowd gathered around a small bar on Christopher Street... unaware that my life and every gay life in America was being changed."

And of course AIDS has given us a perspective on ourselves as a community. John Preston writes about coming out as a person with HIV in Portland, Maine, and describes the responses from his friends. Andrew Holleran returns to New York's Fire Island but discovers memories everywhere of another time and place.

A common theme in many of these stories is that understanding our hometowns gives us a perspective on our lives today. Jesse Monteagudo says, "In spite of it all, I have made peace with my past... growing up in Little Havana has made me what I am today, and that can't be all bad." Michael Lassell tells us he begins "to hear the poetry of my life as some kind of liturgy." Harlan Greene realizes that Charleston would always be a part of me... for so long I wanted to belong to Charleston, and because I couldn't I thought I had failed. But now I can see that I was lucky." Ultimately, the questions raised by this book can resonate deeply. Where is home? Lev Raphael ends his piece by quoting Elizabeth Bowen: "Home is where we emotionally live." *Hometowns* is a fascinating exploration of what that means.

Gay Sex:
A Manual for Men Who Love Men

By Jack Hart; illus. by Bradley M. Luck
Alyson Publ., 192 pp., $14.95

REVIEWED BY JACK FERTIG

Gay Sex, the book, as the reality, will delight, confound, enlighten, and draw much criticism. On the plus side, it is a highly accessible introductory text written in alphabetized categories. It is as simple and elementary as *"See Dick. See Dick jump. Jump on Dick."*

Anyone who remembers *The Joy of Gay Sex* will make the obvious comparison. The intention and general format are the same. The older book was more lavishly crafted. Of course, the world has changed considerably since then. The drawings are simpler line sketches, the categories are fewer, but if memory serves, a bit more to the point. Can you say epidemiology? I knew you could.

For tired old tarts (no names, please!) the best of this book is pointing out how facile and simplistic it is, along with the admittedly necessary flaws. For example, under Handkerchief Code, we learn that green indicates a hustler or his client. Well, anybody who's relying on this book probably doesn't need to know that hunter green signifies daddy (left) or boy (right); olive drab for military fetish; lime green for humiliation...it's actually kelly green for commercial sex. Nor is there mention of the checkerboard convention for safe sex. But any reasonable sized manual will have lots of omissions, as would anything less than a multivolumed Encyclopaedia Gaymannica.

Safe sex is much addressed in the book, more or less as it should be. I first glanced through pertinent sections at a late and sleepy hour so, much like the uncritical and all-too-eager neophyte, I was a bit fuzzy on some of the recommendations concerning condoms. Need one be told plainly and bluntly that one should put the rubber on before penetration? At this elementary level I believe so, but it was never laid out quite that clearly and simply. One descriptive passage suggests putting on a fresh rubber as one draws close to climax. I hope you were wearing one already? A little knowledge is indeed a very dangerous thing. Aside from that fatal flaw, there is still a lot of good information about safe sex. Careful perusal of all related sections will help the beginner to be a Do-Bee not a Don't-Bee.

Sections on sadomasochism and pedophilia are nonjudgmental and appropriately simple for the purpose of a general manual. If you want any depth...well, for S/M, there's the Leatherman's Handbook; for pedophilia, all I know is, don't call KRON.

The illustrations are—with two exceptions—all of smooth, young men. At the very beginning of the book, one may read under Age Differences that, "A good many men over forty...want only much younger partners." No mention that the converse is equally true, or that a "good many" is still a minority. Ah, well, this is clearly an introductory primer for post-adolescents fresh off the farm. It may indeed be a useful compendium for the novice, a handy reference for someone too shy to ask or uncertain of whom to ask. Jack Bob counts one beard, four mustaches, lotsa twinkie fu. No drive-in prizes here, but illustrator Look wins a Leather-necks party pass so he can see what S/M and bondage really look like.

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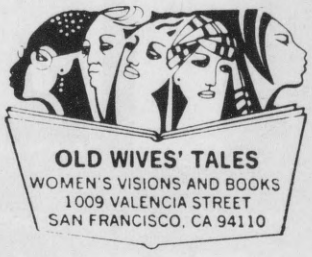

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WELCOME TO ME

BY GGREG DEBORAH TAYLOR, O.S.

Sure I'll Come; Who's Doing the Guest List?

Not since the '60s has San Francisco seen such immense swarms of people on the same drug at the same time, as can be found in the rave scene. Slavering people on X coming up to strangers with Cheshire grins and glazed eyes, mindlessly grinding their gum. I don't know you, but I love you, and want to rub your neck.

The largest of the raves, **Toon Town**, is a phenomenon on many levels. It is the largest regularly attended dance club I have ever seen in San Francisco in the last five years here. Over a thousand people come out of the woodwork to the venue each time it materializes.

The projections and visuals inside the venue are fabby, with psychedelic projections, liquid lights and future-is-now videos playing on every available surface. Even without hallucinogens the mind reels with the visual display.

Toon Town is not the typical rave, however, having been commercialized into oblivion. I like to refer to it as ***McRave***, or the Ecstasy-Mall.

But is it about love, or is it just another form of denial?

Raves offer fabulous enticements. *A Rave Called Sharon* advertizes "bubble lawn mowers" on its invitations. Gosh, for that even I will pay $10. Tell them I sent you.

The raves start Wednesday and go 16 to 24 hours a day until winding down Sunday night. Listening to *Tall Acting and Appearing* **Quartkneee** rattle off the raves in succession, my head started spinning. Starting at a legitimate club, the ravers would dance there until 4 am when the club closes, then move to the Marin headlands for a full moon beach rave, then to ZanZibar on Valencia at sunrise for a DJ showcase featuring **Jan Cooley**, then the End Up for the afternoon, then a warehouse for the evening, then...

Fashion in the scene is very controlled, and drag queens are not to be seen. The raver (real) girl is a cookie cutter pattern spread across the dance floor. Full leg jeans, with a black belt with an interesting belt buckle, sweatshirt inside sweatshirt with the hood hanging down and out, and flat riding hat with glittering rim. Add laminated club passes, a Fimo plastic letter "E", or a rhinestoned silver whistle to taste. "Hi, my name is Sharon. Who's doing the guest list?"

The raver boy looks like any other straight boy, only some clever hat has been added. Oh, you have a tall fur hat. Then you must also have purchased a personality. I see.

But the new scene is less a human experience than a run-through with Tron. One of the promoters of Toon Town agreed with me when I suggested that dancing in his club was like dancing in a video game, only a quarter isn't a reference to coins.

Perhaps I've reached the point where I have become outmoded, and am no longer cutting edge in my tastes. Perhaps I am old-school, but given a choice, I'd rather see a good live performance than an excellent slide show.

Photo by Marc Geller

Crisco covered go-go- boys at Club Uranus play Tuwister in preparation for their backstage performances.

I don't know you, but I love you, and want to rub your neck

KITTEN HUMILIATION

Live performance of the highest calibre is always found at performances by the Sick and Twisted Players, this time at their execution of ***The Poseidon Adventure***. Once again the crew led by **Tony Vaguely** pulled together yet another amazing show.

Though the program was fierce, I for the first time started to worry that the S&T Players would become too large a draw, seeing that there was no room to breathe, let alone move at this most recent one, and that they might search out a new, larger location, forsaking their birthplace.

Consistantly luminary among the cast, **Dena Davenport** received a constant barrage of screams throughout her portrayal of an over-ripe Shelly Winters. Her performance in *The Poseidon Adventure*, when reviewed with her previous characterization of Wendy in *The Shining, The Musical* serves as a confirmation that Dena is a

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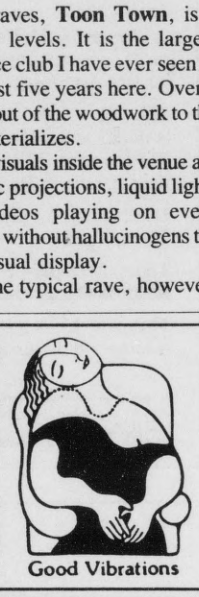

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heavyweight in the underground performance scene. And she styles a mean wig.

New girl on the block **Pussy Tourette** received a well-earned standing ovation the week before, following her tight, slick performance of such soon-to-be classic numbers as, *Free Pussy* and *French Bitch*. Professional quality choreography, humorous, intelligent lyrics, excellent composition and musical execution, and a body that screams elevate this act above the rabble.

Her next scheduled appearance will be at my party, ***(A Rave Called) RAW MEAT***, Saturday, Feb. 1 along with DJs **Lewis** and **Nikki Rivera**, and should not be missed.

Pussy will also be featured at **God's Girlfriends** invitational ***Confirming the Neighbor's Fears*** front lawn suburban cul de sac performance art barbeque, Sunday, Feb. 23.

The growing list of performances should include readings by **Danielle Hell Willis**, Pussy, **Ruby Toosday**, **Timmy Spence**, **Miss X**, in addition to kitten humiliation in their chic mid-Peninsula dungeon. The schedule of performers was not complete by press time. Impromptu performances will also be expected in Safeways and 7-11s all down the penninsula as well.

WITHOUT VAL SHE'S NOTHING

Sandra Bernhard added Val C. Phoenix to her comedic diatribe *I've Always Been Out As Queer* in her recent appearance at the Warfield, after their vitriolic exchange appeared on the pages of the last *SF Bay Times*, declaring her pussy off limits to Val.

Frequent flyer in her obsessive, defensive attacks, **Michelangelo Signorile** was also victim to her scrapes. In a telephone conversation, he roared at her quotes about him in the article, one going so far as to suggest he be assassinated: "Oh, good; it's working." Signorile is presently researching information for his upcoming book, and is looking forward to adding her quotes to his book's sleeve.

From Britain, Channel 4 program, ***OUT*** is preparing a feature based on Hollywood homophobia, highlighting the demonstrations planned for the Oscars in Los Angeles scheduled for its March production. It is pathetic, though not surprising that foreign media is more willing to examine this issue than is the mainstream American media.

FUSION

Away from the mainstream, **Mike&Lewis** are at it again, snagging back their traditional Thursday night slot, this time at Club O with their new entry, ***Fusion***. Rave veteran Nikki Rivera has been added to their team, and will tag up with Lewis in the pool room, while Michael Blue spins in the Egyptian lounge.

The trio plans to feature weekly twirled vignettes, frequent, changing themes, and additional unprintable extras, perhaps reclaiming the creative fabulism which long ago set Uranus apart from the pack. I wonder if this means we can expect a *Miss Fusion Pageant*. Opening Thursday, Feb. 6, *Fusion* will cause some serious damage to the competition.

Crisco Twister at Club Uranus was very Charlie Brown. The referee's microphone didn't work: all feedback and static. But the crowd didn't notice, being leacherously mesmerized by the greased, writhing pile of boys before them.

The *real* action, however, occurred upstairs afterward, where go-go boys were making naughty in the dressing room shower. Sometime getting clean is more fun than getting dirty. While touching up my tooth blackener I turned and suggested to them that they save it for the stage, since that's what they're getting paid for.

Plans are in the works to rocket local love-child and Queen of *Uranus*, **Jerome** into the stratosphere of stardom. Producers from Los Angeles are making inquiry calls, and may soon be featuring her in television commercials for the Japanese audience. I hope she becomes a supermodel for some makeup line. Of course all of this is yet unbeknownst to the sloppy diva, as is per usual.

Taking the lead from New York's hyperdesigned disco Limelight, *Colossus* has added a fabulous new hanging metal go-go cage, lifting drag queens aloft to shake it above the packed dance floor. Featurette **Electra** radiated from the cage above the sweating horde at the club's second anniversary party.

ROLLER DERBY BENEFITS HIGH SCHOOL

Promoted as a "banked track battle" featuring "the most hated female athlete in history" ***Rollerjam 1992*** at Hayward High portends to be another must-see display of gratuitous violence.

The publicist raves about the star attraction, Ann Calvello: "She is unpredictable, you never know what she will say, do, or what her hair will look like!" Kooky and enticing? You bet.

The "Rockin' Sockin' roller derby action" benefits "girl's soccer" and is slated for Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 pm.

Afterward, head over to Klubstitute for the Modacrylic Players stage adaptation of ***Wild at Heart***, starring **Elvis Herselvis**, **Justin Bond**, and **Flynda** in the "post-modern cult sensation."

Klubstitute was the scene of a brutal drag bashing, ruining an otherwise amazing evening of performance by Pussy Tourette and **Connie *Gimme a Bammie* Champagne**. **Randy Flame**, a club regular and member of the **House of Pancakes** was brutalized by a passing gang member upon exiting the space, receiving a blow which crushed her smart-yet-practical ruby frames into her eye sockets, causing serious lacerations.

Though Randy is fine, albeit slightly damaged, it brings attention back to our lack of safety and need for caution in our often unfriendly and dangerous world.

A hat was passed through the crowd the next week by **Diet Popstitute** to collect money to help replace Randy's pretty, frilly white lace party dress which was soiled by blood from her damaged face.

The House of Pancakes, an adventursome crew of drag queens "dedicated to promoting positive drag visiblity within the gay and lesbian community and the community at large" is putting together its ***Debutante's Douche Ball***, featuring **L.Z. Love** as well as H.O.P. performers, Monday Feb. 10 at the Clubhouse. Cover is halved if you arrive in "festive party drag."

Wednesday, Feb. 12, girldom will battle in a brutal three-way challenge for supremacy. Faster Pussycat is featuring **Mrs. Jones** and **Lily Braindrop**. Across town, mother of the modern SF girlscene, **Nancy Kravitz**, is pressing on with her monthly **Female Trouble** party, showcasing **Tribe 8** (Womens' Love like herbal tea) at Brave New World, 1751 Fulton. Coming as an unexpected late entry into the fray, however, lesbo rocker chick **Joan Jett** will be appearing at the Warfield. Doesn't look like anyone can win this battle.

Greater advance warning is necessary to facilitate planning for those interested in attending SPEW 2, the national 'zine convention in Los Angeles leap year weekend. Subcultural icons will abound at the affair, featuring **Deaundra Peek**, **Vaginal Creme Davis**, **Sean de Lear** and the lads from ***Bimbox***.

Allen...

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amount about how the world looks to Native people in general, particularly Laguna people, but I have no way of knowing it. Nobody told me. How do I know it? But I do know it. I go check with folks in the community, and I got it right. Or I'll go to a meeting and somebody will say something that I'd written a week or two weeks ago; and I'd thought I was really reaching for it or I was making it up. I know so many cases of Indian people, for example, who were Indian but they didn't know it. They knew that there was blood but they knew nothing else. They'll get to a certain point in their life and they'll start having dreams. They're not just dreams; they're dreams that are very specific to the exact tribal group that they're from; they're that particular.

It goes back to what the Spiritualists say and what the tribal people say: "all is mind." A mystic named Madam Helena Protovna Blavatsky had some real interesting rules. One was that the physical is not a principle; the physical doesn't really exist. In quantum physics when you try to find a molecule, it doesn't exist. All you can find is a track; it's something moving. There isn't anything there. And if you're made of molecules, *(laughter)*

I'm just a track. In Jewish culture there's all that stuff about lineage not just being tradition or geneology. It's also that these people pass on information as your spirit guides.

I never thought of that; that's very cool. Other people have ancestor worship like the Chinese or West Africans; in essence that's what they're saying.

In your book you dare people to deny the existence of the gods and goddesses while overlooking vast expanses of earth, hearing the drum beating. But as I look over the City, the seven hills and downtown, I wonder how this came to be. How does it change? It's hard to believe in the gods and goddesses when I'm looking over an urban environment.

Maybe that's because you think of urban as not the same as gods. Personally, I think that cockroaches built the cities because they thrive in them. They sent dreams to humans. And humans built or moved in by the millions; developers developed, politicans politicized. Cockroaches are two billion years old, one of the oldest life forms on the planet. That makes them our elder, elder elders. Do you see what I'm saying about alternative ways of thinking? Then those of us who think that cities are not good, move out into the country and we destroy it, which really makes me nervous. I've seen so much destroyed once you get acres of suburbia and exurbia.

There's a hunger we have about the country.

Sure, we really miss it. I remember when I first moved to San Francisco: One day I was walking up the street, I saw a gull or something and I went nuts. I hadn't been aware of seeing anything alive because my eyes were accustomed to New Mexico and to not being in the city. After that I began to notice the grass pushing through the sidewalks and these riotous gardens in the back of buildings of flats. Possums and raccoons, all kinds of crit-

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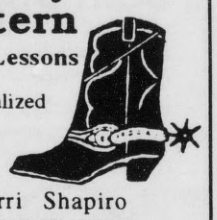

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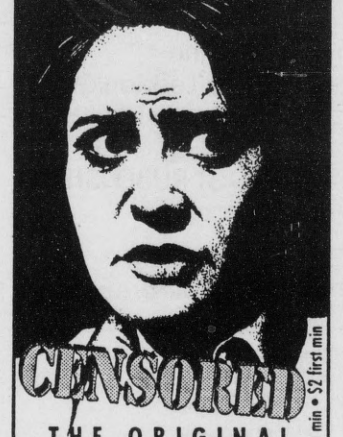
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Allen...

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ters really enjoy the city.

So we need to get in touch with the ground we are on even though it's covered with concrete.

Absolutely. The more you are, the more beautiful it will become.

Sometimes I feel like there's a wind coming up that I haven't felt for a long time.

Yeah, me too. I figure the signal of the '90s was *Thelma and Louise* and *Dances with Wolves*. I think they told us exactly what's going to go on. Usually we don't find out until mid-decade; so that all by itself, is a big deal. I'm sure it's the woman's decade. I think it's also the tribal people's decade. I know it doesn't look like it because new life is hard to see, like when new grass grows, there's all that old stuff covering it. I just hope that we don't as a world decide that we have to burn off the old growth.

In my garden we put down a bunch of alfalfa. I thought at some point I'd need to turn it over in the soil. I didn't have to. The rain came, the shoots and new growth came up; and now it's like there wasn't alfalfa there to begin with.

Perfect, and you didn't have to burn it off. I hope that's how we do this. I have bad days when I go ohmygod, this is not pretty but I've been around now for a long time. I've been paying attention since I was about ten; in the forty some years I've been noticing I really think that bad as it looks, it's actually getting better. It sure beats the 50s when everybody was sound asleep. Or the 80s—I think something analogous was going on.

In your introduction to a myth in your book, "Some Day Soon," you talk about a prophecy that the year 2012 will start a time of peace and harmony. I wonder if there's a tendency when people read that, to think: "cool, we'll just wait until 2012 (mutual laughter). But I think there's something we need to contribute between now and then.

People who go out and do things, will; and people who don't, won't. Everything has to be done; nothing's useless. Some people are marching or writing letters or talking; people are home minding the fences, scrubbing walls. Some people are just ignoring everything because they do their day-to-day work and keep the world turning. We all have a part whether we want it or not. I think that there's an innate wisdom or maybe innate mechanicalness that operates. Like my mother used to say: "life is a circle and everything has a place within it."

There are questions raised for me in your book about belief: do I believe these things; can I believe, dare I believe them? Are they crazy, am I crazy?

I struggle with it all the time. It's hard to live in this world and still know that it's magic, real magic. But there really isn't anything else. It's absolutely impossible for you to walk across the room since you, since molecules don't exist. But you do walk across the room. It's magic, if you ask me.

Often magic is defined in terms of things like telepathy and ritual, but I also look at fax machines that way. Somebody says this is scientific, this is real. But how do they get that stuff from one machine to another onto a piece of paper!

I think their explanation is as irrational as they are. The magic is coming back. That's what I think will happen between 1991 and 2012. As a consequence, everything is of course changing and weird and being seen differently. But I don't think that we're making it up; I think we're responding to something that's happened cosmically. The Mother's waking up again. We begin to feel what we call magic. And yeah, it's telepathy and one thing and another, of course, but it's also just getting plants to grow. It's astonishing.

It is astonishing.

Like sending a letter on a fax. *(mutual laughter).*

THE PERSONALS

WOMEN

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Seeks friends/lovers (if the Good Witch grants us with passion) to share in—gourmet meals to melodic music; conversations at favorite cafes; dancing to industrial music; walks by the beach; and drives in the countryside. Call ★★5636.

Anyone Available?!

You are... and you're 25-35, attractive, healthy in mind/body; a doer, thinker, learner, lover, laugher (Me too!). I'm a petite, romantic, adventurous teacher (28)... politically and spiritually growing, w/varied interests (jewelry-making, music, camping, dancing... and more!). I'm seeking a playmate and intimate companion who is interesting, communicative, playful, physically fit, and nonsmoking. (P.S., I'm allergic to cats, but love to snuggle!) Please call ★★5637.

Cum to Me!

Need some hot, aggressive woman to make love with you, can be butch, femme or androgynous, any age. I'm 29, androgynous, 5'6", black hair, cute and single. I'm clean and safe. I luv to be seduced. Let's connect and have some fun! Call ★★5638.

Finally Stable

Attractive white-girl cook who finally enjoys lounging & sleeping in on Sundays, walking dogs and eating at Dragon River, and who's not nearly as anal as she used to be seeks attractive, petite, African-American woman with shaved head and long curly twists, social worker, educated in Palo Alto, lover of Audre Lourde and dogs named Zami, for date. Call ★★5639.

Sensuous Adventure

Attractive, warm, gentle, feminine, petite snuggler with twinkle in her eye seeks kindred spirit (40-55) for outrageous adventures and intimate encounters. I enjoy life, value quality time with those I love and savor my solitude. I possess and appreciate a sense of humor and an open mind. Love dancing, travel, sailing, soaking in hot springs, salty sea air and sand between my toes. Reply BT Box JA10C.

Dear Emu

Thank God for: personals; school; red hair; baby steps; letters; garlic; Saturday mornings; kissing in cars; coastlines and Rangers; Charles & Towanda; Billy Bragg; warm clothes; wet, messy places; the seventies; mispronunciations; bathtubs; piercing; cottages; furry animals; back rubs; osento; and You, most of all. I love you, babes! —The Wart Hog.

Just Woman

Neither butch nor femme, just woman. Looking for another to explore the Bay Area; museums, parks, music, dancing, tree-climbing. I'm 28, down-to-earth, get off on heated political discussions and quiet, romantic evenings at home. Truthfully, I'm tired of having no one to cherish, no one who adores me. I yearn for a companion whose dreams I can revel in, who will help me work toward my dreams too. Don't you think life is easier that way? Be my Valentine! Reply BT Box JA11C or call ★★5640.

Cynical, But Not Jaded

Independent, intense, sensitive 30-year-old writer with eclectic tastes. I love books, movies, theater, the ocean, good sex and great conversation. Seeking honest, fun, articulate and creative women with an enthusiasm for life and a sense of humor would be a nice plus. I don't want to do the lesbian merge thing, but I would like to date and see where things go. Call ★★5641.

Heart & Consciousness

Seat of the Soul—Lesbian Passion—Indigo Girls—Shakti Gawain—Hearts of Space—Ocean Meditation Tapes—Angels—Inner Guides—Poetry—PachelBel—Emma Goldman—Gandhi—Scrabble—Quiet Moments—Laughter/Tears—Intimacy Before Sex—Miracles—Being Present—Liz Story—Ancient Myths—Being Human—Facing Fears—*Women, Art & Power*—If you relate to 95 percent of the above, are 30+, Let's talk! Please be: alcohol-, drug-, smoke-free. Call ★★5642.

Soy Latina

Chica Latina quisiera relacionarse con otras chicas. Busco amistades sinceras y divertidas. Me gusta la musica latina como la cumbia y el mergengue tambien me gusta el arte y nuestra cultura. Escribanme y les dire mas acerca de mi. Hasta entonces. Reply BT Box JA12C or call ★★5643.

Women

Are you a lotus? Lotus in full bloom suggests you have an abundance of compassion. Seeking companionship/relationship with women who are interested in Asian arts, culture and philosophy as well as compassion and concern about human suffering. Would like to share my life with non-butch woman, over 35 and under 5'6". Call about your interests. Call ★★5644.

12-Steppers Need Not Reply

I don't mean that, but I get really put-off when a great ad ends with "No smoke/drink/drug," and this is my way to reach out to potential friends (and maybe a lover) who are human and have vices. I'm not looking to meet people who are mirror reflections of my beliefs; hobbies; likes & dislikes. I personally am interested in: Romance; long walks; dancing; bookstores; good kissers; people watching; camping; smell of leather; museums; sci-fi & sharing sunsets. Not necessarily in that order! I am 30 y.o., live in SF, have brown hair & beautiful blue eyes. I'm a little shy, but only until I know you (and definitely not in bed). If we share the same interests give me a call—you've read this far... now go for it!! Call ★★5645.

Do These Ads Work?

Tall, slim, attractive, 30-year-old brunette, who reads, thinks, laughs and drinks, seeks slightly femme, independent, nonsmoking, irreverent woman for dating, romance, self-revelations and mutually-desired sex. I'm an office temp worker until I think of something better. You're working for a living and see the humor in the corporate world if thus employed. Not interested in rigid or judgmental thinking. Call ★★5646.

Watergate Dykes

We know you're out there. Someone put an ad in but didn't follow through, so let's try again. If you're interested in seeing who we all are, let's get together. Watergate could be more fun. Call ★★5647.

Botticelli Lips

Botticelli lipped, dimpled cheeked, adventurous Italiana-Americana with enthusiasm, charm and wit in mid-30s, seeks vibrant sensuous full-lipped androg/femme who can endure my long, sweet kisses and engage me in stimulating/intelligent conversations. Self-loving, nurturing, spiritual, artistic with a healing touch are assets that we both possess. Mutual interests include films, art exhibitions, photography, aqua-aesthetics, furry walks, travel. East Bay resident a plus. Call ★★5648.

Striking and Sweet

Jewish femme mid-30s ready for available, charming, honorable, gorgeous femmy butch with politics and a life. Looking for fun dates, possible girlfriend, great sex—not instant marriage. I like dancing, walking, talking, romancing, movies, kissing, bed and breakfasts, breakfast in bed, flirting, shopping, more kissing and other adventures... Letters, postcards, napkins and backs of envelopes accepted. Reply BT Box JA13C or call ★★5649.

40+

Attractive, healthy professional business woman would like to meet a similar sweet and sexy woman for a non-monogamous, but very caring relationship. I'm turned on by petite, feminine women who are soft yet strong. You'll have a strong desire and need to express yourself sexually with a woman and have those feelings reciprocated. Bisexuals and first time lesbians are welcome to respond. Reply BT Box JA14C or call ★★5650.

Not Seeking Perfection

Just a loving companion. I am 34 yrs. old, tall, slender, androgynous. Consider myself down-to-earth, loyal, generous, compromising, emotionally available, creative, intense, playful, dreadfully honest, and neurotic. Beauty is in the pure and simple. Nature, art, spontaneity, strength/vulnerability, words, touch, and laughter. If you think I might balance your own passions, please consider. (No heavy drinkers/smokers or non-movie lovers.) Reply BT Box JA15C or call ★★5651.

Joie de Vivre

eclectic androgynous asian artiste/entrepreneur wish to wine/dine/dance w/ tall svelte sophisticated androgynous professional n/smoker mid-30s enjoying lisa stansfield paella jazz yosemite julia fordham martial arts sushi ballet rachmaninoff rainbows truffles avante-garde gipsy kings zen tattinger kayaking films creative/performance art quantum physics biking possessing intellectual inertia equanimity ecumenical healthy sensual accepting crises as continuing challenges & happy w/ inner strength harboring deep desire to bungee cord but would rather hold hands through sunset at pt reyes no room for more angst pls pls pls no radicals substance abusers butches not seeking long term commitments but quality time w/ dynamic & creative beings. Call ★★5652.

ListMaker Lays It on the Line

Some likes: Sunday mornings in bed with you, the paper & coffee; flowers in the house; lovemaking in the light; clean clear motives, integrity; trees and freesias (gardens in general); giving/getting validation (& massages); Italian cities & leather; playing/working hard; cult movies; reading, writing, conversation, board games; silk blouses; weekend getaways to Napa/Mendocino; perfume; cotton; stock and flea markets; annual blackjack & craps at Tahoe (north); handholding; home cooking/ethnic dining out; the majestic outdoors; French countryside & language; common courtesy; uncommon good looks; reciprocity; the water; traveling; 88.5, 98.9, 102.1, 103.7... i.e., almost anything from Forum and Enya to bagpipes, blues, Mozart, Michelle Shocked and Bach; people with humor and unconventional outlooks; touching; comfortable silences; letting down walls, building confidence, expressing gratitude, sharing dreams. *Some dislikes:* smokers, drug users & alcohol abusers; the cheerless, defeatist & painfully shy; Republicans, yahoos, chatty cathies, the shallow, inflexible & those who've given up on their bodies, minds and dreams. *I am:* 45, of Mediterranean descent, responsible, playful, passionate, cerebral, emotional, curious, affectionate, empathic, good-looking, funny, kind, honest, solvent. *You are:* 40-50, a SF/nearby resident, nonsmoking/light-drinking, intelligent, congenial, femme of center, unpretentious, physically attractive, thoughtful, gainfully employed, gracious yet gritty, with reasonably fit body, stretchable mind and tales to tell. *We are:* cautious risk-takers looking for one another with time & energy to exchange... to build an intimate, challenging, loving, romantic, passionate, stimulating life together. Do we dare? Please write fully about yourself. Boxholder, PO Box 460825, SF 94146-0825.

Free Spirit

I'm 38, Italian-Irish, 5'1", short dark brown hair, dark brown eyes, very mellow. Looking for friends as well as a lover. I'm working full-time in the travel industry and going to school nights. Weekends free. My interests are movies, music, long walks, comedy, coffee houses, the outdoors, massage, hot tubs and travel. Please respond if we have shared interests. Call ★★5653.

Are You Still Tired?

Of those plastic faces and manicured minds? Do you cringe at "GWF, slender, 5'7", 115 lbs., attitude & looks most important"? Do you not fit into these ads and are you relieved that you don't? Are you more concerned with homelessness, fighting the toxicity of racism and the survival of the Earth than "being a fabulous fashion plate with the bucks to back it"? Where are the real people that just want a fun fuck, a lasting relationship, a beautiful motorcycle ride along Highway 1 or a steamy night at the hot tubs? I'm wild of center, love honesty, diversity, taking risks, being slippery wet, travel, the Calvin Klein motorcycle woman, being teased till I can't take it anymore and.... That's all you get unless you call. Reply BT Box JA16C or call ★★5654.

Sweet Tart!

Hello, my love. One year ago I placed an ad to wish you a happy 1991. I am back again to wish you a happy 1992. My life has not been the same since I met you on that special night in October. I have enjoyed every moment with you. You hold a very special place in my heart. I've missed you. Love always, Sweet Pea.

Sexploits and Adventure

Bi woman, 35, 5'8", 140 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, is looking for lesbian or bi buddy, 32-38, with brains, beauty and brawn for sexploits and adventure. Call ★★5655.

Hello Out There

Searching for a lively, compassionate spirit in a gorgeous lesbian biocontainer, 32-38 yrs. old. Someone to share dreams, ideas, and belly laughs. Some favorite activities include dialogue, storytelling, indoor & outdoor adventures, film, theater, mt. biking, and physical-emotional intimacy. I'm tall, 35, athletic, compassionate and intellectual, and I'm looking to share my many passions and lots of good times. Call ★★5656.

Gorgeous Brunette Femme

GWF, 5'6", slender, green/brown eyes, NS, clean/sober 10 years, 30s, active, fit, educated, adventurous, fun, thrill seeker, risk taker, nudist, sknow ski, bicycle, run, hike, dance, movies, explore city, roller coasters, walk Golden Gate, sail, Thai food, sushi, affectionate, loving, happy, spiritual, love kissing, cuddling, massage, long sex-filled mornings (& evenings), want long term friendship/romance/playmate. Photo appreciated. PO Box 160164, Cupertino 95016 or call ★★5657.

No Racists, Please

Couple seeks similar for dinners and travel. Ethnically diverse smokers, drinkers & S/M players encouraged. Yes, you can smoke in the house! We need new pals who can say "Butt Plug" out loud and who share our interest in written and video porn. Closet racists and sex police don't bother. We laugh a lot, so humorous replies get first consideration! Reply BT Box JA17C or call ★★5658.

SM Dykes Wanted for Fun!

Looking for a few kinky women who wish to explore the edges and who are more interested in acting from their own individual style than in buying into yet another incarnation of the Attitude Police. Couple (40s) emotionally and spiritually stable, wishes to form a social/play circle in which we push limits with authenticity and creativity. Call Stray Cats ★★5659.

The Space Between Words

Holds meanings yet to be explored. Moments lost in conversation that push the boundaries of imagination while encircling the intellect with shared experiences, awakening from these moments with passions stirred, creativity released and inspiration found. If you consider such moments to be the finer points of life and think you might enjoy them with a GWF, 34, nonsmoking, artist/grad student interested in dating, then the space begins to connect. Reply BT Box JA18C or call ★★5660.

East Bay Aquarian

Tall, 42 yr. Aquarian lesbian finds something missing in an otherwise happy life—a companion! I love nature, reading, gardening, my friends and family and my cat. I'm also a recent convert to the sporting world—both as spectator and participant. (Who would have thought it?) I value humor and honesty, respect for others and I try to practice moderation. I just quit smoking (again) so please don't tempt me. I enjoy life and would love to explore it with someone dear—or just to meet someone new for coffee, etc. Call ★★5661.

Dyke's Dyke

OK, so I'm neither "Daddy" nor "punk," "androgynous" nor "straight-looking." I am, better yet, proud to be a Dyke's Dyke. White T-shirts, flannel, leather and Levi's are my idea of stylin' evening wear, and men's underwear are as near as I get to lingerie. I'm 27, handsome, country-bred, and stable with a great life and a spiritual program. I seek clean-cut, emotionally expressive, butchy Dyke's Dykes whose passions begin with life, love and the Lesbian Nation. 2-steppers a plus; heavy substance users a minus. P.S., I'm honest, kind and loyal, but take my sweet time with commitment. Call ★★5662.

Not Looking for True Love

Two bright, attractive, in-shape women in committed relationship are looking for a third or fourth to share new sexual adventures. Not looking for deep emotional attachment. You're good-looking, in-shape, perhaps wild not wacko, 25-35. You enjoy sex and don't have major sexual hangups. We're great in bed together and want to share ourselves with the right other(s). Be substance-free, not into S&M, no women impersonating men. Photo appreciated: PO Box 7585, Berkeley 94707-9991 or call ★★5663.

Seeking Friendships

New to SF, academic-type professional (serious but fun-loving), feminist, amateur musician, warm, solid psyche, ocean lover, wild sense of humor (but not particularly sarcastic), imperfect, compassionate, lover-of-life, late 30s, seeking friendships with other bright, mature, 35-?, intense but playful professionals for conversation and to explore SF. Please no smokers, drug users, heavy drinkers or born-agains. Parenthood and dog lovers a plus. Letters encouraged. Reply BT Box JA19C or call ★★5664.

Significant Pursuit

I'd like to meet quasi- to very interesting womyn over 35 and living in the city for conversation, intellectualizing, schmoozing, etc. Let's do lunch, movies, museums, theater, cards, walks, talks, Trivial Pursuit and variations thereof. My objective is to meet companions with whom I'll enjoy above activities in 20 years. This ad is about commitment to friendship, caring, pleasure in shared emotions and experiences. If you are a nonsmoker who values a potentially long-lasting connection, please respond. Call ★★5665.

Smokers Special

Lovable super brain artist seeks sweet, honest, tobacco junkie girlfriend. I'm 33, kind, open, gainfully employed, barely cute, attentive, patient, decent, well-built in a small package. I'm interested in meeting an unpretentious woman who is comfortable with herself in whatever form that may be. I have no race, age or size barriers. If you are seriously intrigued with alcohol, drugs, the business or the sports section, this one's not for you. Don't be afraid. Call ★★5666.

GWF living in Co. Co. County, mid-40s, 5'1", slim, fit. Looking to meet someone for monogamous/longterm/loving relationship. Not as boring as it sounds. If movies, dinners out, Tahoe, video classics, silk pajamas, getaway weekends, good sense of humor, jazz, reading in bed, mountain cabins, sleeping close, theater, holding hands, Disneyland, massage, and long slow kisses spark an interest—we can be boring together. I'm a hopeless romantic, who wants to spoil her lover with love and attention, flowers and romance, favors and compliments. Please be light smoke and drink tolerant. No drugs. Shall we start with a nice dinner together? Reply BT Box JA20C.

Long Hair

Turns me on. So does honesty, intelligence, and a good laugh. If you like walking the City, exploring the state, car camping, wine tasting, pinball, and partner dancing, then this 33, 5'9" XL lesbian is looking for you! Brownie points for long hair, good manners, healthy attitude, and wat-

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Feminist Sci-Fi Buff

28, Jewish, political, sometime writer looking for other brainy dykes to share fun times. I'm a self-employed artist, swimmer, cat-lover, avid movie goer and reader of trashy novels and worshipper of the moon. No SM/drugs/bigots/bisexuals. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 14584, SF 94114.

Deviant

Me: 26, black/white, lesbian, professional, Scorpio, experienced. You: conventionally good-looking with an underlying perversion you want to share with an interested partner in crime. Thrill me. Reply BT Box JA22C or call ★★5667.

Passion Fruit

I'm androgynous (leaning to butch), 5'5", 25 years old and live with one cat. I live in the East Bay and work in San Francisco. I don't just want a pal—I've had one. I don't want to take long walks on the beach—I took one. I don't want to sit in front of the fire lost in thought and talk all night long—I might singe my body. I'm looking for a woman with whom I can share my mutual respect and hot sex. My friends think I'm very intelligent—I can walk and talk simultaneously. My cat likes me very much. So, I think that you should enhance your chance of meeting someone who doesn't have a New Age name—someone fun—me. Call or write to me. Just do it now. Reply BT Box JA23C or call ★★5668.

I Love My Friends, But...

Most of them are coupled and I am single (again). I'd love to find some other single dykes to spend time with. I am 32, funny, bubbly, warm, loving, Jewish, an ex-New Yorker, professional, educated, intelligent and a dynamite cook! I absolutely hate smoking, have no interest in drugs and only drink occasionally. I take a great deal of pride in: my home, loving and caring for the people in my life, being a dedicated professional, being an out lesbian and an independent person. I'd like to find friends who are also professionals, independent, stable, loving, caring, strong and honest with themselves and others. I have eclectic interests, a playful spirit and am always willing to try new things; however, what we do together is not as important to me as who you are. I live in the mid-Peninsula but would be willing to travel anywhere between San Francisco and San Jose for a quality friendship. Call ★★5669.

Femme Fatale

I seek femme—your inner beauty would still my heart, your charm captivating, your intelligence enrapturing. I seek femme—your body well maintained, your mind full of imagination, your interests eclectic. I seek femme—you are any race, any color, 20-35, appreciate chivalry. I believe my persona debonair, am 29, 5'10", athletic, nonsmoker. My interests are love of the outdoors, 12-string guitar, philosophy, videos, world travel. If you think you would like my company, write. I'm easily enchanted. Reply BT Box JA24C or call ★★5670.

Botticelli Redhead With Braces

And a visual artist who loves pastels. I have a wide range of interests and have a desire to do everything. Immediately and more. Always. High priorities in my charming 42-year-old life are humor and fun; museums and conversation are always on the agenda; an appreciation for a broad scope of music; and the outdoors, especially in conjunction with drawing. I'll bet you're funny, drawn to the arts and attractive. Encourage me. Call ★★5671.

Mutual Support

Adjusting to physical disability is a difficult process. Mutual support can be a source of great strength. This partially disabled, financially semi-stable lesbian would like to meet others for friendship, maybe more. Let's share our experiences, challenges, triumphs, fears. I'm 41, self-employed, I like gentle walks, dinners at home, inexpensive entertainment, occasional country-western dancing, lesbian events, bodywork and warm hugs. Please Reply BT Box JA25C or call ★★5672.

I Know You're Out There

Women chosen for their tactile qualities, and being artworks for touching. Women who use charm to deflect criticism and have much imagination. Women who like folk songs, opera, sculptures, photographs, and memorabilia. Please try to reach me. I am honestly too shy to cruise you any other way. Call ★★5673.

Ham on Wry to Go

Funny, feminist, forty-four/teacher, writer, with theatrical core/Jewish, attractive, not large but not small/—femmy butch, butchy femme?—I'm neither and all/Seeks savory lesbian for takeout delight/mature, warm, affectionate, kind and polite/For theater and movies, plays or Roseanne/dinner and dancing or just holding hands (aw shucks)/Creative, intelligent, sexual and funny/available, dependable, no hangups with money/Nonsmoker, non-drinker, non-negative thinker/Monogamous, intimate, emotionally stable/self-supporting, likes cavorting, maybe has cable?/Artistically inspired, spiritually divine/Um—will you be my Valentine? Call ★★5674.

"What Seems So Far...

from you is most your own," (says Rilke). In other words, yes, I'm finally writing a personal ad—that mutant form of love poem gone hard sell, or is it the other way around? If you're still with me, read on. I'm fascinated by everything, aren't you? I'm an artist, 38, seeking kindred spirits, emotional and intellectual adventure, new friends, more if it feels right. Call ★★5675.

Looking 4 U-In-Time

Check me out & about or high in low—big & little whatever the riddle I will answer all thrillers of butch persuasion. Tame me down and I'll be around. PO Box 424391, SF 94142 or call ★★5676.

Beware My Slitherasaurus

There is a giant bytesaurus just waiting to breech your belly.

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SHARED INTEREST

Women Country-Western Dancers!

Take "one step forward, two steps back" with me in Walnut Creek. Learn line dances (and more) every Sunday, 4-5:30 p.m. Great social dancing with cute, friendly women, Sundays 5:30-9:30 p.m., and Thursdays 7:30 p.m.-12 midnight. Do you want to learn the following line dances: Walking Wazi, Slip Slide and Slither, East Coast Swing, Honky Tonk Stomp? Come visit us! Call ★★5716.

Travel Buddy

GWM, 52, financially secure (but not enough to be reckless), nonsmoker, seeking interesting and interested companion to share travel and avoid ruinous "single supplement" charges. Sex is not the issue. Recently visited Egypt. Currently considering Bali (possibly including cruise). If you are free to travel, financially able to pay your own way, and willing to get together to see if we can stand each other, Call ★★5717.

Habla Espanol?

Yo soy un hombre y quiero conocer amigos para practicar Espanol. Mi Espanol no es muy bueno, pero yo estudio Espanol. Tal vez nosotros podemos almorzar y tener conversacion. (Yo tengo cuarenta y dos anos y yo soy alto y delgado.) Escribeme por favor: Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

Pucks, Hoops, Pigskin and More

I can't be the only ultramasculine, jock-type, bright, fun guy knowledgeable about hockey and other team sports and into goin' to or watchin' games. I'm 6'3", 200, 31, GBM, great looking, educated, professional, work-out, discreet, not into scene whatsoever. Looking for similar wholesome gay or bi/married WM/LM, 35-, HIV- for sports buddy with dating/relationship possibilities. Extremely masculine only please. Anywhere in Bay Area OK. Let's catch some games! Call ★★5718.

Under-employed Lesbians

sought to organize a healing survival skills exchange and non-profit training network. While the patriarchy crumbles, let's help each other stay afloat. List goods and skills you need to receive or learn. Then list goods and skills you wish to give, perform or teach in exchange, bearing in mind the concept of valuing an hour of your time as you would another woman's hour and vice versa. Call ★★5719.

Classical Musicians—Sightreaders

Patient, kind, sensitive professional accompanist/voice coach seeks accomplished singers/instrumentalists who need to share/perform music with kindred spirits in a light-hearted, joyful, informal atmosphere. "Born musicians" shouldn't do it alone! Give me a call and let's chat. I care. Call ★★5720.

Lesbian Survivors of Abuse

I'm interested in forming a support group with other lesbians who are dealing with childhood physical, emotional or sexual abuse. A chance to talk and gain support in our healing. East Bay location. Call ★★5721.

Needed: Computer Professionals

Are you a headhunter in the computer field? Entry level computer person needs professional contacts. Call ★★5722.

Striving for That Perfect Physique

Hi! I run daily. I enjoy uphill biking (as well as flat). I love a game of racquetball, or a quick one-on-one game of "hoops." Gold's Gym is my hang-out—pumping, sweating, building that body. I'm cut, with just a bit of bulk. I'm looking for other guys also striving for that ultimate, hot physique. Maybe we can help each other out, with some fun along the way! Call ★★5723.

East Bay Walks

Would love to meet women interested in afternoon and weekend walks in the East Bay (most especially in the El Cerrito area). Also, if you're currently undergoing the "joys" of quitting smoking would certainly enjoy sharing tales! Call ★★5724.

Need a Workout Partner?

I'm a bright, clean-cut GWM seeking a dependable, enthusiastic partner. I go to Gold's-Valencia and like to do short but intense workouts. Call ★★5725.

Alpine Skiers

Exotic, masc., athletic Eurasian seeks int. to adv. skiers to go on weekends or day trips to north or south shore. Share expenses. Have 4-wheel drive. Not a sex ad. Reply BT Box JA600C or call ★★5726.

Looking for Co-Parent or Known Donor

A group is forming for you to meet lesbians and gay men who are seeking to get involved in a co-parent or known donor situation. It will be both a social group and discussion group where you can discuss your hopes, desires and fears of children and family. PO Box 14911, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★5727.

Gym Training Partner Wanted

by 5'7", 155 lb., HIV- healthy, masculine GWM. Train at gym of your choice, 3 to 4 times a week during day, play at your place after workout, occasionally or often. You must have a hard, muscular body. I do. PO Box 10456, Oakland 94610 or call ★★5728.

Dartmouth Alumni

Lesbians into skiing, playing in the snow. Do you know about the Dartmouth Outing Club in the Sierras? Nice cabin on little lake—cheap to rent. For more information Call ★★5729.

Born-Again Pagan

Seeking other women to form close-knit coven to celebrate life and ourselves by recognizing the Goddess in us all. I practice only positive magic, acknowledge cycles of the moon, phases of the earth and have respect for all living things. If you believe that life is a spiral dance, that the Goddess is alive and magic is afoot, and that you may do as thy will but harm no one, please Call ★★5730.

Doing the Thorazine Shuffle?

No, this isn't a new dance step! If you are on psychiatric medications and having side effects, maybe we should get together. This Black lesbian is somewhat stable and interested in the experiences of other lesbians in the mental health system—especially other women of color. I'm clean and sober and interested in meeting you. Call ★★5731.

Welcome U-In-Ski

Downhill/X-country get down seek enthusiastic lesbian/gay for serious exercise on slopes in '92. Am a lesbian ski freak. Transportation needed. PO Box 424391, SF 94142 or call ★★5732.

Bi

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Late for Dinner

43 year old TV, 5'11", 225 lbs. Interests include liberal politics, softball, tennis, movies and jazz. You should be supportive of 12-step programs. East Bay. Reply BT Box JA300C.

Coffee, Wax Trax, Cigarettes...

Single Bi WM, 20, new to town, seeks bi or straight woman for fun, coffee & cigarettes, and maybe hot sex. I'm 6'1", 140 lbs., semi-long hair, thin & handsome, pierced & tattooed, into Wax Trax, Monet, W. Burroughs, erotica, the Unbearable Lightness of Being, conversation. Let's get together and stay up all night, talking or otherwise. No militant nonsmokers/drinkers/druggers, please! Call ★★5689.

What Matters?

That you are intelligent, left-wing, politically active or minded, feminist, have some idea where you're going, want friendship before sex, not dependent or monogamous, somewhat or very attractive, and 18-35. I'm a male, 20, a student, smart, vegetarian, light smoker and drinker, occasional pot, enjoys movies, dinners, beautiful views, talking, relaxing. I'll take older & wiser over hot, young & brain dead any day. Call ★★5690.

Cocky Nasty Studs

I'm a white, bi blue collar dude, 34, 6', 175, together. Feel like ballin' hours after the old lady gives up? Know that feeling. Boots, hi-tops, motorcycle jackets get relief, nut after nut! I'm orally great and like to get down rude and basic. No manners needed just grunts. What's your pleasure? Photo for faster relief. PO Box 214, Santa Rosa 95402 or call ★★5691.

Tetrad Forming

I am interested in joining an existing triad or forming a tetrad. Also interested in other forms of group relationships (athrogamy). I am bisexual, male, 34 years old, vegetarian, and experienced in group/cooperative living. I don't smoke, drink, do drugs. Reply Boxholder, 3288 21st St., #20, SF 94110.

Young Silly Boyish Queer-Girl

Looking for buddies to sleep over. Must enjoy massage, necking, exploring each others' bodies while pretending to be asleep, an occasional movie, and breakfast (either in bed or out). Not looking for love (but not squeamish if it happens) just friends who like to play. Must be capable of going slow. Men, women, boys & girls or all varieties welcome. Prefer under 30. Reply BT Box JA301C or call ★★5692.

Gentleman Seeks Fun Couple

I'm a handsome 6'4", 210 lb., blue-eyed, clean-cut, 30 y.o. bisexual man who is looking for friendship as well as bedroom fun. I'm safe HIV- and very straight acting. I love tennis, racquetball, KKSF and people with a quick wit. I'm looking for that secure, special couple who is curious to add a bit of excitement to their relationship. Let's connect and have a wild time! Call ★★5693.

Jungle Fever

Explore the possibilities of a committed loving relationship with a B/Bi/C. He's 23, 6'4", well hung, 360#. She's a 27, 5'7", beautiful woman, 400#. We are seeking an intelligent, voluptuous, Rubenesque W/Bi/F, not a plaything, to aim for an eventual equal partnership in fully integrated 3-way relationship. Friendship first. Please be playful, very comfortable expressing emotions and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance. We are enthusiastic, passionate, easygoing, enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty and sensuality. Don't dream it, be it. Call ★★5694.

Sensuous, slim submissive (switch) 30s male seeks intense mental and physical exploration with bisexual/lesbian woman. High voltage visual artist craves creative, intellectual and bohemian subcultural woman interested in exploring male/female role reversals and other mental and sexual psychodramas. Enjoy drag, sex-positive film, performance, exotic music from Martin Denny to Yma Sumac. Sane and satirical. Friendship, passion, mutual chemistry important. PO Box 425481, SF 94142 or call ★★5695.

Bottom? Switch?

Female bottom or switch desired for consensual play by safe, sane, mature, attractive bi guy. Open to all from light dom/sub role-playing to leathery S/M. Call or write. Reply BT Box JA302C or call ★★5696.

The Alternative

Fine as a man, gorgeous as a woman. Asian, 25 yrs. old, part-time TV would like to meet Caucasian men, 25 yrs. and older, for constant dating, who's kind, thoughtful and serious in building something beyond friendship & willing to accept my two identities as a man and as a woman. Obsessed in becoming a woman, I've mastered the art of it. Be my Valentine. Call ★★5697.

Diversity Excites Me

I'm a GWM interested in exploring intimacy/friendship (and/or more ?) with a bi, GWM/F, or GWM's couple. I'm 25, blnd/blue, 5'7", 140 lbs., masculine, healthy, educated, sensitive, fun, romantic, eager & quick to learn. Leave me a message. Call ★★5698.

Both Sides Now

Seeking bi or curious woman. You want to fulfill your dominant, penetrative side with a male, and also your feminine, receptive side. You're fit, health-conscious, sensual, stable, nature lover, have self-esteem. Adventurous, imaginative, maybe a bit wacky sometimes. Me: bi WM, 27, 6', 150, long hair, shaven, fit, handsome, masculine. I'm unique, intelligent, humorous, caring, strong. Many interests include inspired music, architecture, passion for beauty; women and black men. We're non-addicts, relationship-oriented. Not perfect, but striving. Let's help each other achieve our goals! Call ★★5699.

Why Live ½ Life at a Time?

Are you a woman who resents having to alternatively give up females and males? Explore the possibilities of a balanced, committed, loving relationship with affectionate bisexual WF, 32, and WM, 27. We are seeking an intelligent woman, not a "plaything" to aim for an eventual equal partnership in fully integrated 3-way relationship. Friendship first. Please be a playful nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions—and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance! We are enthusiastic, passionate, easygoing, enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre. Interests include: hot springs, gardening, hiking, cooking, sailing, nude recreation, traveling, massage, singing, arts, dancing, erotica, science fiction, photography, theater, cafes, tropical islands, dining out. "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★5700.

Experience Preferred—But Not Necessary

Is S/M a tool for growth and spiritual fulfillment? Does bondage free your psyche to fly? Are you submissive so you can get pain, or masochistic so you can be submissive? You may have some answers, but I have more questions for a sensual metaphysical submissive/masochistic woman who is available to play, for friendship, possibility of growth potential with commitment, maybe love. We are both bisexual, free of substance abuse, nonsmokers, HIV-, healthy, dependable, communicative, expressive, sexually uninhibited. I'm 44, 5'10", 150#; solvent, trim beard, blue eyes, good kisser, not athletic, experienced top/dominant/sadist who plays with lesser/greater intensities, definitely orgasmic, always negotiated, safely, sanely, consensually. References upon your request. You: 30-plus years, proportioned height to weight, adventurous, flexible nature. Write PO Box 2896, SF 94126 or call ★★5701.

Bi Bi Love

I'm actually the antithesis of that old song. I'm an acutely optimistic woman. I'm 5'2" (dripping wet), 23 years old and have a slight Southern accent. Despite being short, politically I'm very liberal. I'm looking for a woman (or a man) who is very bright, very witty and loves to kiss. I thrive on spontaneity and frivolity. But, don't get me wrong, sincerity also has its place in my life—I have a very sincere roommate. I want to play. If you want to play, too, call or write to me and let's do it. Call ★★5702.

Slave Available Part Time or Full

Kneeling at your feet, I empty myself completely, to be filled by your wine, the cup to be drunk by you triumphantly. And I fear my sovereign; mistakes are costly, and punishment is swift. Trim, fit, forty, respectful, reliable, unobtrusive male seeks to serve woman or gynosupremacist couple as housemaid, secretary, footstool, or what you will. Reply BT Box JA303C or call ★★5703.

Built Buddies

Very muscular, attractive, BiWM seeks buddy for ongoing great safe sex and fun (hike, swim, bike, surf, movies, camping...). I'm 30, 6', masculine, long hair, earthy, comical, HIV-, in LTR (she knows). You're muscular and HIV-, age, vices less important. Prefer earthy, masculine, outdoor type. Bi in LTR ideal! Gay OK. All replies answered. Discretion guaranteed! Send letter and photo (returned) to Boxholder, PO Box 3443, Santa Rosa 95402.

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Mature Asians

A kind, quiet, considerate, masculine and discreet, well-educated, well-traveled, professional GWM, 55, 6'1", 170 lbs., HIV-, who does not enjoy bar scene, but does have many interests, including the outdoors, sports, weekend trips, dining in/out, cuddling, would like to meet you. Looks, age, not important, but being sincere, considerate and masculine in appearance and actions are. Reply with letter and photo (optional) or leave message. Call ★★5742.

A Gentleman and a Scholar

Smart, thoughtful, unjaded grownup; warm, witty and sometimes wise GWM, youthful forties, 5'11", 170 lbs., HIV-, living a rich, full life... The perfect mentor-big brother-lover for handsome, intelligent, twentysomething-man with a sense of where he's headed, committed to building a long-term relationship. Call ★★5743.

GAM Seeking GWM

GAM, 5'7", 140 lbs., seeks GWM for friendship and fun. GWM should be same height or taller than me and be fit, strong & masculine. Preferably between thirties to forties. Reply with phone/photo (returned) to: 584 Castro St., #114, SF 94114-2588 or call ★★5744.

Kinky Party Dudes

GWM, mid-30s, well-built, looking for guys who like to party and get into dominant/submission, bondage, sleaze, role-plays, fantasies, etc. Look-

ing for imaginative scenes—something you might want to try but haven't. 3-ways, young guys. alternative lifestyles especially encouraged. Call ★★5745.

All Is Not Lust

Environmentalist, successful writer/editor, sometime poet, folk musician, social-justice advocate, wilderness lover, world-news junkie, multiculturalist. Spanish speaker, well-traveled, philosophical, single, mountain climber, book lover, former Queer Nation attendee, anti-Gulf War demonstrator, fairy-gathering goer, eclectic dresser, Market Street gym member, 38, tall, slim, smooth, historically attracted to younger men, looking to meet someone attractive more near my age. What's on your resume? Call ★★5746.

Beyond Good and Evil

Lean, muscular, handsome, brilliant, 26. Published novelist loves: beautiful runaways (18+) somewhere past puberty, handsome men with small dicks, luscious Jewish anarchists, dominant illegal aliens, all dark brooding beautiful men who think about robbing banks, bondage, revolution, hallucinogens. My smooth dick (7") inside you or yours (any size) inside me, intelligent punks, sonic youth, chaos, anger, glee, sex as art, life as art, sex as life. Call ★★5747.

Latin Passion 33

5'7". 135. bubble butt. cute/handsome, smooth almost hairless body, seeks Latinos, Blacks that are hung big and uncut for an intimate relationship. I'm creative, sensitive, romantic and very horny. Write with photo PO Box 31919, SF 94131-9991 or call ★★5748.

Do You Like to Laugh?

I do. also I like a variety of indoor/outdoor activities (reading, Jeopardy, dancing, dining, the arts, skiing, etc.). Me: 38, attractive, smart, professional, average height/weight, irreverent sense of humor, like to meet someone smart, funny, handsome, emotionally/psychologically aware ±10 my age. Let's meet for coffee and angst. Call ★★5749.

Old-Fashioned Values

This attractive GWM health-care professional, straight-acting, smooth, 6', 180 lbs., in-shape, HIV-, believes friendship/honesty are the lasting basis for a caring, quality relationship and growth. I'm in a 12-step program. I run and exercise daily, but do smoke. Prefer hairy, stocky, straight-acting guys, 30-45. No drugs/alcohol problems. Not into gay scene. South Bay only. Photos returned! PO Box 611141, San Jose 91141 or call ★★5750.

You'll Get the Same, At Least

GWM, 6'1", 170, 37, brown, green, HIV+, healthy, versatile, fun, clean, sober. I enjoy friends, movies, TV, travel, committed to speaking French and Spanish. Seeking sexy, fun, intelligent person for dating, or more. I like someone who can be himself and who makes me laugh, among other things. Prefer someone real, with an ability to communicate openly and honestly; some emotional maturity appreciated. Call ★★5751.

Blond Alert

Tall, lean, runner, 25 yrs., smooth and fair. I know that opposites attract. Not looking for my twin. Looking for love—maybe. Lust—definitely. Dark men with strong bodies and nasty minds, call me now. Call ★★5752.

Our Search Ends Here

I'm a handsome, fit, disabled GWM, 31, 6'1", 165#, light brown hair, green eyes, moustache, HIV-, successful, energetic, ambitious, and open-minded. I enjoy the gym, tennis, dancing, etc. I'm seeking a stable, thin/muscular, smoke- and drug-free gay man (20-40) for friendship and possibly relationship. Call ★★5753.

Basically a Bottom

I've searched for that "special someone" in bars, gym, church, JO clubs, social groups and now this ad. Help! I'm 34, 6'2", 180 lbs., good-looking, basically bottom but willing to negotiate. Like myself, prefer masculine, non-stereotyped men. Enjoy movies, travel, restaurants, SoMa, CW dancing and occasional leather. Willing to try almost anything once. Long-term relationship interests only. Call ★★5754.

Long Hair and Muscles?

Bright, attractive GWM wants to meet longhaired athletic GWM. I'm clean-cut, muscular (5'10", 180 lbs.) and a boyish 36. I enjoy intellectual stimulation as well as physical. Please be clean-shaven, intelligent, late 20s to mid-30s. PO Box 190042, SF 94119 or call ★★5755.

Submissive GAM... Not!

Born & bred in Waikiki, 6'2" Island Dude has "done" the Fortune 500 corporate trip & he-he marriage, yet wants more. Sex is great, but not enough. If you love to laugh, roam the city, and aren't afraid to be openly uncommon (at the risk of stares), let's get together! Call ★★5756.

Jazz Addict

who is 27, 5'9", 130 lbs., brown-haired, blue-eyed and cute, and who loves Miles, movies, Monk, eating out, Mingus, Scrabble, Duke (E., not D.), chess, Trane, poker, Basie, politics (liberal), KJAZ and intelligent conversation, seeks cute, slender guy (or reasonable facsimile)—similar age, nonsmoker, with at least a few like interests—for friendship, dating and/or relationship. Let's groove. Reply BT Box JA70C or call ★★5757.

Hot and Emotionally Available

Toned, slender, hung stud, 30-something, wants to meet other GWMs for healthy intimacy and friendship. Hot stuff comes later. I'm a comm. photogr., former chef, versatile and working on my self. You should be under 35, gym-toned, hung, positive + positive, smooth, GWM, versatile, nonsmoker, drinker and bar goer. Prefer that you have some 12-step exper. I'm brn, brn, 5'8". Call ★★5758.

Crotch Connection Wanted

Hand man seeks orgasm oriented cummer for JO adventures. I'm a GWM, 45, 5'8", 170, br/bl, and am HIV-. JO only. Sound like fun? Reply Boxholder, PO Box 426648, SF 94142.

Calmed, Cooled and Collected

This young, rugged, trim, professional Asian, 43 years, 5'9", is seeking a similar in-shape and WM into sharing eclectic experiences. Enjoy strenuous workouts, sports, jogging, backpacking and leisure activities such as gardening, films and travel. Prefer meeting nonsmokers with a touch of class for nurturing and reciprocating mutual feelings. Letter and photo (returned) to PO Box 27024, SF 94127 or call ★★5759.

Are You a Genuine Man?

GWM looking for a guy who is not pretentious, but down to earth instead, knows what he wants and needs, and is in touch with his feelings. I'm 32, 5'11", 155 lbs., attractive, gym-toned and health-conscious. I enjoy the outdoors, running, hiking, camping, movies and theater. If you are 28-40, have similar interests and enjoy life, Call ★★5760.

Suit and Tie

GWM, 32, 6'3", 190, preppy business professional with a suit and tie lifestyle. My career has not left me much time to create a personal life. Now is the time to change that. If you are 28+, 5'11"+, HIV-, and a busy professional and you enjoy theater, restaurants, movies, Nordstrom and travel, I'd like to hear from you. Reply BT Box JA71C or call ★★5761.

Man Seeking Man

I am 29 years old, 180 lbs., 5'9", looking for older person age 50-65, over 200 lbs., mature & sober person. I am an Asian. Call ★★5762.

Cute Boy

19, 120 lbs., Latino, 5'7", brown hair, brown eyes, looking for a GWM or BWM with a nice chest, 18-35. Masculine, good sense of humor, 5'7" or taller, someone who is looking for a relationship or friendship. Send photo and letter to PO Box 5446, Hercules 94547 or call ★★5763.

Attention Black Men

I'm a WM, 5'9", who is very muscular and fit. I'm 38, have br/blue and quite attractive. I love outdoor sports, movies, nights out, nights in, cuddling, hugging & good sex. If you're likewise muscular and in shape, Black, 20-40 and want to be friends (maybe more), then I'd like to meet you. Give me a call. Call ★★5764.

I'm Ready...

to be swept off my feet! GWM, 22-year-old, 6'2", 170 lbs., very good-looking, brwn hair & eyes, wants lasting relationship with you. You be totally cute, have all your hair, under 33 & emotionally available & stable & close to SF. Call ★★5765.

California Man

Tall and muscular GWM, 38, 185, beard. Pervasive smiles and sturdy handshakes, straight-acting, self-employed, stable, lonely. Are you a Black or Latin man interested in me? Call ★★5766.

Down-to-Earth Man

looking for another down-to-earth man. Someone who, like me, is grounded, sane, sexy, fit, masculine, emotionally expressive, open-hearted, passionate and compassionate, with a quick sense of humor and an unconventional attitude toward life. I'm 42, 6', 165 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, bearded, furry chest, HIV-, bright, a great lover of the outdoors and a writer of some not so bad poetry. I want a buddy I can hang out with, hike down trails with, laugh with, make love with in a double sleeping bag under a night sky filled with stars. I'm not looking for someone who can't deal with commitment. But if you feel like being touched in a way that matters, write (with photo) to Boxholder, PO Box 170426, SF 94117.

Wanted/Young & Cute

by 35 yr. blond good-looking guy who wants someone 18-30 for love, romance, great sex. Someone who wants some guidance as well as plenty of love and adoration. Honesty very important. Want to grow old with someone, so please be healthy, no drugs. I've been searching for years for the right guy. I know you're out there. We both need to be loved and I have so much love to give. Let's get naked and watch TV. Reply with photo to BT Box JA72C or call ★★5767.

(HIV) Plus...

Well-toned athletic build, fit, 48, very masculine, clean-cut, moustache, tall, brown-blond hair, bass-voiced, Germanic, assertive, sharp-witted, irreverent, dirty talker, top, big fat cock, cut. Looking to connect with younger guys for sexual and other recreation, especially into oral servicing and being serviced, in-shape, non-hairy body types, San Francisco only. Photo welcome but not essential. Espresso out, then we'll "go from there." Reply BT Box JA73C or call ★★5768.

Handsome, Hard-Working Guy Seeks Same

I'm 31, energetic, ambitious, true to myself and to the people important in my life. These days focused very much on work and working out, but would welcome an excuse for more balance. Pretty spontaneous, masculine, clean-cut, drawn to creative things. Really enjoy getting to know most people, all kinds of music, movies, simple nights at home, dancing, art, video, cartoons, writing, advertising, beaches, getaways, exploring anything. Sure be nice to meet another driven kind of guy who is also ready for a relationship and all that comes with it. The physical stuff: I'm a tall, muscular GWM, 6'2", 200, broad chest and shoulders, light brown hair, blue eyes, clean-shaven, smooth. Also nonsmoker and light/non-drinker. Not particularly crazy about materialistic pursuits, gay gossip, or intellectual pretense. If you think we should meet, write me a note about yourself and send a photo if you like. Reply BT Box JA74C or call ★★5769.

Body Builder Please

I'm at a point in my life where all my energy is spent on my career. I'm looking for bodybuilders that are married or in other relationships; but, need some additional oral appreciation, without additional commitments. I'm in the gym five and six days a week. I've got a lean, muscular build. I'm masculine, 28, ex-model and understand discretion. Serious muscle only need reply. Call ★★5770.

Dutchboy

WM, 26, 155 lbs., 5'11", brn/blu, HIV+. Sensitive, masculine, affectionate & very attractive. Enjoys video, nature, music & biking. Not particularly into the bar scene. Seeking trim to muscular athletic guys to date. Call ★★5771.

Smart Bear

Intelligent & thoughtful man. Full of surprises. Always working on some great new project. Fairly accepting of myself and others. Tall (6'3"), hairy, average build. Member of the clergy. Age 39. Beard. Intermediate ballroom & CW dancer. HIV+. Well-traveled and well-educated. Enjoy concerts, languages and intimacy. Prefer men who are not overweight, age 25-45. Reply BT Box JA75C or call ★★5772.

Contradictions

By day, a conservative academic professional. By night, a South of Market daddy who loves leathersex. At home I enjoy playing Chopin on my grand piano; then I like to change into faded Levis, jeans and jacket, or Levis and some leather and go out to find a younger guy (twenties or thirties) to get into bondage with—safe and followed by cuddling. Me: Mid-forties, salt & pepper, 5'10", 155, nice uncut dick. You: slim or lean, any handsome type. If any of this gets your motor running, why not pick up the phone and Call ★★5773.

Couch Potato

GWM, 5'7", 155, gym-toned, clean-shaven, wants to cuddle in front of the TV with another HIV-, sexually versatile male under 40. I particularly like old British movies, Masterpiece Theater, etc. Please no facial hair. Call ★★5774.

Black is Beautiful

Mature European male, 5'7", 134#, brunette, fit, trim, hairy, sincere, supportive, affectionate, seeks Black friend, 55-68, to love. Call ★★5775.

Sophisticated

GWM, 5'8", 150 lbs., blu/brn, gym-toned, clean-shaven, HIV-, many interests, intelligent, college educated, professional, good sense of humor, outgoing, sexually versatile, wants to share good times, travel, restaurants, bicycling, bridge, time at home, with similar male, any race to age 45. Your picture gets mine. PO Box 471552, SF 94147 or call ★★5776.

Lonely Bodybuilders Desperately

seeking correspondents. I'm a male-order bride, 52, who met his awesome husband, 30, through the mail when he was in prison. Collapsing economy is overloading slammers nationwide with thousands of inmates with little else to do than keep themselves in shape for a soulmate. Send letter with preferences (active, passive, whatever), desires, description. We'll forward to compatible penitentiary-pals. Durk, PO Box 421752, SF 94142.

Plain Sex

40-something in an 18-year-old's body that all admire. Very sensual, sexual, versatile bottom, HIV-, 5'6", 148 lbs., blond, blue, hairy, uncut 6½", nonsmoker, non-drug user, professional needs and offers plain safe sex, hugs, kisses, massage, more. You are 30+, always hard and horny, HIV-, looking for fuck-buddy or more. Call ★★5777.

Celestial Conjunctions

Mr. Ultra-intellectual 51 y.o. shy-boy, 6', 160, HIV- and on the slim side wants animal (plus emotional) hook-up with Mr. Big-Butch-and-Younger. Me: scattered, timid, bottom. You: focused, assuring, top. Cerebral too? My dream come true!—but not necessary. I want a pal and a fuck-buddy at least. More?—would be sheer gravy, unfathomable mystery... but everything's possible in San Francisco, no? Call ★★5778.

It's 1992

All I want is to fall in love with a nice guy. So sue me! GBM, almost 45, 6', 180, good-looking, healthy HIV+, seeks companionship. Judge me by what I seek in you—you're 35-55, witty, hung, sportsminded, romantic, sensitive, top then bottom, nonsmoker, safe sexer, considerate, into art instead of muscles. I'm outgoing but shy in affairs of the heart. Send photo/phone. Reply BT Box JA76C.

Weight Lifter/Writer

34, 6'2", 175 lbs., top, great body, muscular legs, weightlifting 13 years, average looks, well-defined chest, thinning hair, advanced degrees in English, journalist, seriously involved in writing and books. Hoping to meet grad student, academic, journalist, 20-34, HIV-, who also works out, is trim, clean-shaven, in excellent shape, fun, irreverent, and unsnobbish. Looking for someone who shares my interests in books and film for friendly conversational relationship with sex. Call ★★5779.

Delayed Fuse

Mid-aged guy, slim build, dark, moustache/beard, bald on top, positive nature, profound sense of humor. Loves music, movies, nature, jigsaw/crossword puzzles, some political activity, possibly also you. Due to certain medications (not HIV-related) my body has an unpredictable arousal/response cycle, timing occasionally off or faulty. Seeking similar or willing partner for happy bedroom activities. Maybe something really nice can cum from this? Reply Boxholder PO Box 460305, SF 94146.

Exotic Primitive

Svelte and gym-toned I'm not. Instead I'm a BM, 32, 5'11", 250+, HIV-, fit, handsome, clean, well-dressed, employed professional. My joys are good conversation, music, travel, dining, museums, hot passionate safe sex, beach walks, cooking, films, giving massages, occasional nightclubbing and lazy Sunday afternoons. Thin will always be in, but some gorgeous gifts come in big packages. Try me. PO Box 885222, SF 94188 or call ★★5780.

Unpretentious

42-year-old GWM, 5'9", 145 lbs., average build (not gym-toned), blue eyes, short brown hair (balding). Basically shy with a good sense of humor. HIV-. Honest, intelligent, stable, easy-going. My friends tell me I'm charming, generous, nice looking, affectionate, wise, thoughtful and supportive. I'm a nonsmoker and light drinker. Prefer to go slow when it comes to forming a relationship. Emotionally I'm pretty well put together. I'd like to meet someone with similar traits to share part of my life, doing the usual things—shopping, movies, dinner, good conversation. Your personality and character are more important than your looks. Written replies appreciated. Reply BT Box JA77C.

Eureka! Can You Find It?

There awaits a very attractive Italian, very young 59, 5'8", 155, HIV-, brown/bald/brown, nonsmoker, short beard, moustache, hairy chest, uncut, employed. Seeks lifemate who's early retired or financially secure, relocatable, and in good shape. I'm considerate, dependable, clean, neat, nice guy. Enjoy home life, reading, movies, plants, board games, quiet times, conversation. All answered. Photo appreciated/returned. Michael, PO Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043 or call ★★5781.

Lover Sought

You: 18-45, sexual but not into one-night-stands, HIV-, seeks to develop a meaningful rel. and likes to think of "making love" rather than just "having sex." Also age not important. Me: attr. young lkg/actg WM, 68, 5'8", 170, gray with a nice white moustache and very sexual. Ongoing, but let's meet and see. 537 Jones St., #1297, SF 94102 or call ★★5782.

Domination Fantasies?!

Do you love to have your ever so hairy legs licked, to get head, play verbal games? Can you handle 6', 190 lbs., handsome, muscular blond who is funny, brainy, challenging? Are you fit, muscular, sane & intelligent? HIV- and safe sex only. Call ★★5783.

Save the Gay Asian Whales

GAM late 30s, 5'11", 150 pounds. Good-looking and affectionate, blue collar worker. Love walking, jogging, bicycling, music, conversation, gay-religious group, self-improvement (when not being wild and crazy). Seeking GWM or GLM for friendship and possible monogamous boyfriend. Please be masculine, non-overweight and free of drugs, smoke and heavy drinking. Please include phone, photo preferred (returned). PO Box 410015, SF 94141 or call ★★5784.

After Christmas Special

No high-tech gizmos or tasteless chatchkas; his gift is this ad. He's a little shy, but I'll tell you he's also the best. Smart, funny, interested and interesting. Great at languages, business, shopping and entertaining. Cooks well in kitchen and bedroom. Impresses friends and family with excellent conversation and manners. Baby-faced, 41, medium height and weight, clean-shaven, HIV-, and nonsmoker. If you're wonderful in several ways, can use "penultimate" correctly in a sentence, and are basically fun and together, Reply BT Box JA78C or call ★★5785.

Opposites Attract

Short HIV- guy seeks taller HIV- top man (35-45) to build a life together. Our goal: best friends and lovers in a caring, comfortable, monogamous partnership. I'm a handsome GWM, look 35 (you guess), 5'5", 130#, brown/hazel, moustache, with a sexy body and expressive eyes. I'm talented, affectionate, emotionally available, have many interests and a healthy lifestyle. Here are some examples of things I'd enjoy doing with you: dancing the night away slow dancing/two-stepping; escaping for the weekend to a mountain cabin; cuddling in front of a roaring fire; exploring new places and restaurants; walking just about anywhere with our arms around one another; holding a party for friends and family; sharing ideas, experiences and feelings. You're definitely good-looking, fit, confidently masculine, romantic, playful, outdoorsy (?), with a healthy sexual appetite. Both of us are drug/smoke/attitude-free, committed to working through problems, and able to let each other know what's in our hearts. I don't believe in Mr. Right. But I do believe two loving men can create a relationship that's right for them. If this one sounds right for you, then please write and include a photo (will return): Occupant, PO Box 14481, SF 94114-4481.

Positive Seeking Positive

Intimate friends/spiritual co-workers/lovers/tantra partners who also value inner growth/healing/regeneration via the path of the spiritual warrior (mystical pagan/christianity/eastern esotericism, etc.), simple close-to-nature, non-mainstream, non-consumerist lifestyle, and the quality of times shared together over the quantity. Myself: GWM, 41, HIV+, 5'10", 148 lbs., brwn/brwn; intelligent, intuitive, affectionate, compassionate, broad-minded yet discerning, off-beat sense of humor, open to learning and new experiences, moderate in my indulgences, socially naive and hence vulnerable, undernurtured and touch-starved; overcoming cynicism, moodiness, high inertia, shyness. Others describe me as a "hot" man, a catalyst for personal growth, a male "mother," "more an angel than a faerie." I enjoy trips to my mountain retreat, gardening, vision quests, meditation, long sessions of tantric sex, massage, music (traditional ethnic, new age, Baroque and acoustical folk), painting and crafts, sunbathing, short hikes, walks on the beach, simpling for herbs, collecting rocks, alchemical research, classic 8-bit computing, et al. Not into popular culture, "gay" or otherwise, and generally avoid large crowds, loud people, movies/TV, athletic events, gyms, bars, nightclubs, rock/jazz/other cacophony, formal dress occasions, leather/sm/bd, and orthodox religionists. You share similar values, interests, and temperament, and probably already had some type of spiritual awakening; age, appearance, endowments are secondary. Pluses—blond/blue/thin/long hair/average endowment/passive top, active bottom/like yab-yum. More? We prefer liberation to bondage, the sensuous to the sensual; "soft" sex more than "hard" sex, intimacy over anonymity, regeneration instead of annihilation. Reply BT Box JA79C or call ★★5786.

German-Italian Looking for Latin

Single; free-spirited; always looking for fun. Enjoy the park & beach with my dog. Have bike & bug will travel. Enjoy someone independent & laid back. I work hard but enjoy partying & leisure time. Enjoy hot weather; go to Mexico once a year. Brown hair; blue eyes; 5'10"; 165 lbs., 35 yrs., firm. Reply BT Box JA80C or call ★★5787.

From San Diego

New to San Francisco, GWM, 32, 6', 165#, masculine, br/br, athletic, HIV-, medium hairy, nonsmoker, moustache, professional seeks friendship/relationship with bud around my age. I enjoy kissing, oral sex, and sleeping together. You're GWM, 20-40 years old, HIV-, with brains as well as looks. Looking for quiet, sensitive type who doesn't normally answer ads. Photo appreciated. PO Box 31893, SF 94131 or call ★★5788.

Love, Apple Pie and Family

I know you are out there—somewhere. You are of course that handsome, masculine, loving, great at sex, and physically fit man with Midwestern values, spiritual awareness, a great sense of humor and a keen mind that would charm anyone's family. You are mature, stable, drug free, nonsmoker, HIV- and career oriented. You are not a fringe fanatic, warlock, voodoo queen, devil worshipper or charismatic. Being free of self-delusion you do not confuse yourself with Napoleon, Teddy Roosevelt or the Messiah. If you are an average Joe you do not call yourself drop-dead gorgeous. This youthful-appearing, 40s, degreed professional GWM living in the City is 5'11", 165#, gym toned, HIV-, nonsmoker and drug free. I enjoy sports, travel and a broad spectrum of cultural pursuits. If you value friends and family and if you enjoy laughing, fireplaces, sex, cuddling and communicating your inner feelings, then please send a letter with photo to BT Box JA81C.

Beyond This Moment

Dating has been very enjoyable, but now I'm ready for more serious intimacy. This 34-year-old, attractive, romantic Italian is looking for a man of any race whose intellect (and sense of humor) is as big as his heart and finds himself beautiful both inside and out. Acting, dancing, comedy, politics and my career have captured my attention over the years and I now want to add a special man to my life. I am 5'10", 150 lbs., dark brown hair/eyes with a trim beard. Are you into the fine art of conversation and desire an intense carnal and emotional connection with whom to begin the New Year and beyond? Photo please. Reply BT Box JA82C or call ★★5789.

Insightful?

I'm quiet, introspective, interested in psychology,

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health, art, nature, political/cultural/spiritual awareness, and everything else. Generally prefer good books over parties; home cooked meals (with friends/conversation) over eating out; long walks/yoga over gym. I'm 38, 5'7", 125 lbs., blond thinning hair, glasses, with a sense of humor and adventure. Looking for average looking guys with unique spirits sharing similar interests. Boxholder 337, PO Box 410990, SF 94141 or call ★★5790.

Tall, Good-looking, Successful
GWM, with many hobbies and interests. Loves life and enjoys people. Brown hair, blue eyes, 6'2", negative, healthy nonsmoker, light to non-drinker, no drugs. Looking for someone young who is goodlooking, affectionate lover who can also appreciate a successful, mature lover, own house in Palo Alto. Reply BT Box JA83C or call ★★5791.

Are You Aztec? Mayan?
GWM, 41, of Iberian descent, seeks romance with New World native, including dinner dates, Bay Cruises, etc. My interests include classic movies, meditation, the gym, photography, and humor, but I'd like to know what interests you, too. We can begin by exchanging photos. Reply BT Box JA84C or call ★★5792.

Love and Let's Live
Handsome, boyish GWM, 45, 5'10", 155#, HIV+, intelligent, and with a sense of style, seeks mate for exchange of love and energy. Interests include music (esp. piano), arts, outdoors (esp. bicycling), cooking and massage. Don't smoke; rarely drink. Oakland/Berkeley or nearby resident preferred. Call ★★5793.

Seeking Life Partner
in need, as I am, of caring, honesty, trust, intimacy, monogamy, friendship—love. Lost my lover of 9 yrs. & hope that love & lifetime commitment will happen again. I'm GWM, HIV-, versatile, Peninsula suburbanite, heavily involved in volunteer work with PWAs. I'm middle-aged, like it, look it (balding, overweight) & thankfully will never be "gym toned." Average looks, endowment. You'd pass me on the street never guessing how much love & passion I have inside, never realizing how warm, caring, romantic & loyal I am, what an off the wall sense of humor I have, how I long to cuddle & kiss, how I long to give & receive long, lingering sensuality, how I love music, laughter, friends, reading, simple or complex conversation, old musicals, socializing, writing, traveling, learning, growing, planning the future & making plans come true. You might never realize what a beautiful life we could plan, build, live together. If you're about 45 to 55, HIV-, independent, sincere, able to give as well as receive, not afraid of facing life with all its problems & love with all its joys and satisfactions, please write today. No photo required, surprise me. Reply BT Box JA85C or call ★★5794.

Pubeless
Totally smooth, muscular, masculine WM, 40s, 6', 165 lbs., wants same any age or race for mutual sensual massage, J/O & hot nipple play. Share your fantasies. Call ★★5795.

What's Missing?
GWM, attractive, youthful looking 45, medium build, with comfortable lifestyle, good friends, a cat and cultured interests (arts, music, film, romantic weekends) is missing the intimacy and companionship of a younger man. Are you self aware and independent yet missing the comfort and support available from someone... possibly a "mentor"; 25-35 years old, lean to muscular, and uniquely appealing? If so, send a note (picture if possible) and let's see if something can blossom by spring. Your antibody status is unimportant, but I'm healthy HIV+. Reply to Occupant #1, Box 626, 584 Castro St., SF 94114 or call ★★5796.

Meditative Bear in Marin
Masculine GWM, 44, 180, 5'8", br/gray hair, gray beard, muscular-chunky build. Interests include: meditation, gardening, nature, Eastern esotericism, music, film, ethnic arts and safe sex. Wish to meet an intelligent, HIV-, warmhearted, husky but firm-bodied, adventuresome man with a sense of wonder. A loving heart dwelling in masculine chunky man gets mine. Send note with photo to: Occupant, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 472, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★5797.

For Husky WM Admirers Only
I'm WM, 45, 5'10", 200#, good husky build, cleanshaven, hung, uncut, HIV-, nonsmoker, no drugs. I'm looking for a slim to medium build male to share a rewarding, uninhibited, creative, sexual friendship and whatever else develops. No Greek. Not into bars or one-nighters. I'm intelligent, reasonably attractive and non-neurotic. Risk the ridiculous and reach the sublime. PO Box 1177, Palo Alto 94302.

Hot Winter Romance
Me: Great-looking, easygoing, fun loving, affectionate, college educated, 6'1", 180, brn/brn, HIV-, mid-30s, career oriented, professional, honest, humorous, versatile, masculine. You: similar, physically active & fit, 25-40, blond and/or smooth a plus, emotionally avail., looking for fun and hopefully more. Interests: skiing, mtn biking, gym, aerobics, home/garden improvement, travel, romance, windsurfing, sailing. Let's meet & see if it's right for a second date. Reply BT Box JA86C or call ★★5798.

Leather Christmas Stocking
Great hairy pecs, winning smile, soft greenish-brown eyes on masculine, aggressive animal, 38, HIV-. Tie this one to your mantle, hang balls low below, stoke up a fire, give commands and make your fantasies come true for life! Photo available for your review. Ready and willing to travel or relocate for dungeon duty. You're in charge, sir! 5 Town & Country Village, Box #728, San Jose 95128-2026.

Latino Gordito!
Donde te escondes? Ya no quiero estar sin ti y necesito la seguridad de tus brazos. Tu: latino gordito, guapo, estudiante universitario o profesionista, de bigote/barba, 23-35 anos. No fumas ni usas drogas y eres sano (HIV-). Eres macho pero tierno, fiel, afectuoso, honrado, sincero y carinoso. Te encanta lo romantico y sabes gozar de la vida. Deseas amar y ser amado de verdad. Buscas relacion monogama, estable y duradera conmigo: latino guapo, gordito (5'8", 185) de aspecto buga, ojos verdes, bigote, 28 anos, estudiante graduado. Sabre bien cuidarte. Empecemos juntos el amor mas fantastico de nuestras vidas. Responde (de preferencia con foto) a Box 72095, Davis 95617.

Professional Seeks Relationship
GWM, 6'2", bl/bl, 180, HIV-, 29, seeks man 25-40 for mature, monogamous relationship. I enjoy weightlifting, running, long walks on the beach, cooking pasta, and long, safe, romantic nights. I'm intelligent, analytical, yet intuitive, sensitive yet strong, creative, personable, outgoing, romantic and passionate. Will answer all responses. PO Box 9875, Stanford 94305 or call ★★5799.

Yummy!
We are loving, compassionate, nurturing, sensitive, creative, funny, handsome, well-exercised, nonsmoking, unconventional and on transformative paths. Me: cancerian GWM, 5'6½", 140 lbs., moustached, strong, smooth skinned, well-exercised, sensually defined, nicely endowed, 46 and decidedly not middle-aged. My loves include massage, writing, music (especially opera/lied), friends, service, dancing, nature, metaphysics, meditation, yoga, gym, lovemaking, celebration, honesty, feeling deeply, transcending separateness. You? Photo please (returned/exchanged). Reply BT Box JA87C or call ★★5800.

Let's Fuck
Lube and rubbers are ready and waiting. Let's kiss and play and see who lands on top. I'm 37, 5'11", 185#, handsome. In good shape, with red beard, blue eyes and a libido that doesn't quit. You're hairy, playful, may be a decided top, bottom, or switch. If it works out we could become steady fuckbuddies. Letter and photo. Reply BT Box JA88C or call ★★5801.

Three Way
Two professional, friendly, masculine, gym-toned men looking for GWM or Hispanic for safe, versatile, sexual adventure. We: GWM, 150 lbs., 5'11", 43, hairy chest; and Hispanic, 145 lbs., 5'6", 39, smooth body. You: similar trim build, cut, 30s or youthful 40s, financially stable, drug/smoke free, self-confident, enjoying fireplaces and good conversation; combined with exhibitionism, foreplay and hot safe physical pleasure with two horny, good-looking men. Call ★★5802.

A Non-Ruga* Person
Healthy, stable, liberal-minded GAM wants to meet other GM (GAM preferred). I'm 5'8", 42 yrs., 150#. Varied interests: "fun" gym, "totally mindless" movies, "hole-in-the-wall" dining, "exploratory" walks, etc. Head, heart, hearth and heathen or heath hen important to me. You: creative, sense of humor, honesty w/touch of naivete, non-materialistic hedonist, reformed agnostic/liberal close-minded orthodox authoritarian. Pictorial correspondence answered. *Ruga—an anatomical fold or wrinkle. Reply BT Box JA89C or call ★★5803.

Make Me Really Think, Laugh and Come
... And in that order. Unique, fun, sexy, masculine GWM, 28 y.o., br/blnd/hzl, 5'8", 150 lbs., works out, clean-shaven, HIV-, Harvard MBA yet down-to-earth guy. Good-looking, great legs, furry pecs, short receding hair, bright eyes, big smile, and warm heart. Very motivated, outgoing, energetic Southerner-in-exile (no accent though) abounding in contrasts and contradictions. Like cats, travel, languages, planes, bridges, skiing, REM, New Order, Mozart, the Smiths, Yourcenar, Forster, tennis, working out, lattes, dark chocolate turtles, and balance in life. Looking for honest, in-shape GWM near my age, HIV-, with a brain, a sense of humor, a heart, and a zest for life to date and see what happens. Letter/picture appreciated. Reply BT Box JA90C or call ★★5804.

Great Looks and Sensitivity
I am GWM, 32, 5'10", 160#, HIV-, very handsome (brn/brn) professional, well-built and proportioned, (40"c, 31"w), athletic, humorous, honest, relaxed, intelligent, spiritual, spontaneous, creative, caring and romantic. My work and relationships have been fulfilling. Not into bars or clubs, love film, theater, travel, music, massage and intimacy. Seeking similar WM, 25-36, who wants to share fun times and romance. Full description, please. Call ★★5805.

28-year-old Latin Male
(Mediterranean good looks), 5'8", 155 lbs., in fit condition, seeking companion in same age range for friendship, possibly more. Not looking to settle down quite yet. Things I like: Ella Fitzgerald, Cole Porter, classical music concerts, jazz, reading, bicycling, romance, films, (classics, foreign, et al.), travel, liberal politics, Thai food, strolling around SF, the Botanical Gardens, champagne, honesty. Things I don't really like: the bar scene, shallowness, insincerity, self-destructive personalities. Latins and Europeans a plus. Reply BT Box JA91C.

From Me to You
Masculine GWM, 41, blnd/bl, 6', 160 lbs., HIV-. Sincere, loving, caring, honest and fit. Some of my interests are dinners with friends, movies, nature, beach, music and quiet nites at home. Looking to meet a sincere GWM/GLM around 35 yrs., shorter than me, somewhat slim, HIV-, for possible friendship/relationship. Prefer nonsmoker, no drugs. If you're interested, please send letter and photo. Reply BT Box JA92C or call ★★5806.

Culturally Crippled
In what sense? I am here. Not that this 21-year-old explosive boy from the East doesn't love SF, just that the "smart drinks" don't seem to make anyone smarter. And since the public library closes at six, my night life has been reduced to the gay underworld and campy cocktail parties. Have unstable professional career in art, and continue my undergraduate continuum at Cal Arts after a year off. Love to feel stress and alleviate stress. If you think you can handle a collision with this fit, crazed boy, send me a comment, quote, photo. My physical make: 5'5", 130. Looks like a W.A.S.P., bumbles like a bee. You: interesting. Elaborate. Reply BT Box JA93C.

Seeking Seeker
Longtime, nondogmatic meditator seeks spiritually inclined companion to share the path as well as our hearts and bodies. I value honesty, communication, mutuality, gentleness, playfulness, sensuality, warmth, and lots of affection. I'm 42 (look younger), 6'2", 195#, beard, glasses, sleepy bedroom eyes, and very huggable. Please be younger than me, boyish or cute, and like me: drug-, tobacco-free, height-weight proportionate, smoothish, HIV-, GWM. Call ★★5807.

Are You Interested?
32-year-old professional, 5'7", brown hair & eyes, SF resident, seeking GWM, 27-34, in good physical condition. I like movies, working out, bicycling, hiking and hope you do, too. I'm relationship-oriented and seeking same. No smokers or substance abusers, please. Respond with a letter. Photo (optional), and phone number. Reply BT Box JA94C.

Muscular and More
I am a highly educated, successful, career oriented Jewish professional. I am also handsome, HIV-, a nonsmoker, very youthful, 44, 5'10", athletic and muscular. My interests include symphony and opera, benching 200 lbs. during my intense workouts at the gym, skiing in Aspen, savoring the beauty of a Pacific sunset, world travel, playing Mozart piano sonatas on my Steinway, and preparing delicious meals for my friends! I offer a tremendous enthusiasm, a great sense of humor, as well as the capacity and desire to develop a longterm monogamous relationship. I am seeking a partner, 28 plus and very muscular, who shares similar values and aspirations and who is ready. Reply BT Box JA95C or call ★★5808.

Tall & Hairy Caucasians
for romance & companionship. Chinese, 40 y.o., 5'5", 120#, FOB, w/swimmer build, boyish charm & young cute look, yet intellectual, artistic & sophisticated. Desire to meet sincere GWM to share good times in life. If you are between late 30s and early 50s, 6 feet or taller, well-built w/hairy chest and rugged, masculine appearance, into dating and longterm relationship, please reply w/photo and phone # to PO Box 423832, SF 94142 or call ★★5809.

Life is an Adventure
I would like to meet, date and develop a committed relationship with a GWM, 30-45, professional, financially stable, curious, energetic, with a passion for an experiencing-relating-adventuresome lifestyle and a can-do/let's do outlook. I am 36, GWM, 5'11", 170, attractive/handsome, clean-cut, well toned and fit due to my enjoyment of running and working out. I am thrilled by foreign travel, entertainment, cooking, the arts. I value superb communication skills and a willingness to talk about one's feelings, goals, ambitions. It is important to connect in many ways. I live in and work in SF and am an accomplished corporate professional. I am HIV- and nonsmoker, prefer you to be. Let's seize the opportunities of life!! Reply BT Box JA96C or call ★★5810.

Nice Guy—Sparkling Eyes
Quiet, sensitive, honest, romantic, masculine, 34, brown/blue, 5'10", 145, intelligent, educated, professional, non-abusive/extremist, HIV-, versatile, hung. Seek handsome face, masculine, healthy, head of hair, HIV-, relationship-oriented, similar age/build, happy, honest, lover of life/companion with time for: friendship, bonding, sharing, intimacy, monogamous safe sex, conversation, dreaming, adventure, city entertainment, city escapes, travel, future building, and other "dynamic duoing." Photo for photo. Reply BT Box JA97C.

Energetic GBM Looking for GWM
Energetic 27 y.o. profl. GBM looking for GWM 25-35. I am intelligent, keen, healthy and stable with a good sense of humor and a quick wit. I enjoy movies, dining out, reading, traveling and bicycling around the city. I'm very good-looking, tall and slim. Send descriptive letter with photo or call. Reply BT Box JA98C or call ★★5811.

Blue Collar Bodybuilder
Virile, assertive, passionate, savvy, beautifully aging hunk GWM, 52, 5'10", 165#, brown hair, green eyes, nonsmoker, light drinker who likes football, photography, being outdoors, jazz, personal growth, movies, nutrition and being a homebody. Looking for a tall, down-to-earth, monogamous playmate who offers honesty, intelligence, sensitivity, integrity, self-esteem, a loving heart and an HIV-, disease-free, lean, hard, hairy body, all of which I offer you. Call ★★5812.

Give Romance a Chance
QWM new to the Bay Area looking for a queer man to date who has some of these similar traits: a nonsmoker, honest, responsible, sensitive, mature, young (28 ±4 years), spiritual, is openly out, someone who enjoys kissing, cuddling, walking together holding hands and preferably lives in the East Bay. I am 5'8", 151 lbs. and HIV+. Call ★★5813.

Outdoor Type Guy?
Handsome, straight-appearing white male, 31, 6'2", 165, wants to meet masculine white male, 24-38, who enjoys evening workouts, weekend bicycling, hiking and backpacking. I'm a conservative, romantic, cleancut professional, nonsmoker, positive thinker and still believe in monogamy. You should have goals, strong values and be aerobically fit. Size of equipment unimportant; kissing expertise is. Can't dance but know how to be a good friend and lover. Call ★★5814.

Hugs and Kisses Come First
My arms hold what the world lacks. Lonely, shy, honest, sincere bear seeks a cub for extended and regular periods of lovemaking. Relationship oriented. Once won't be enough. Me: attractive GWM, 40, 6'5", 200 lbs. Top. You: attractive GWM, 21-35, bottom with slim build. Looking for affectionate individuals who are looking for more than an orgasm. Call now for details. Call ★★5815.

Plea Bargain
Interests: my pride of witty friends, romantic and satirical comedy, consciousness-raising drama, dancing, spicy, soul-warming food, progressive politics, language, anthropology. Sex. Resume: challenging job with a major corporation, active in community service, ardent tourist. Turn-ons: Men who are really good-looking (especially, though not exclusively of Mediterranean origin), passionate about their jobs and social interests, funny, considerate. Vital stats: over 40, African-American, 6' tall, 170 lbs., very attractive (they say), witty, energetic. Accused of: being standoffish, opinionated, too serious, silly. Will cop to being: an intellectual dilettante, compassionate, perceptive. Hoping for: commitment with time-off for good behavior or a life-sentence in a minimum security building. C'mon, spice up your diet, uh, your honor. Reply BT Box JA99C or call ★★5816.

May I Take Your Order?
Hi! I'm GWM, 42, 5'7", 137 lbs. Today's appetizer is dates—for concerts, theater, romance. The specialty is longterm monogamy, a delectable mixture of honesty, loyalty and love, spiced with hugs, kisses and cuddles, accompanied by a generous helping of handholding and massage. Everything is solvent, non-fat and tobacco-free, with no HIV added! The most enjoyable vintages are over 35 years old. For reservations, Reply BT Box JA100C.

Friendly Giant Seeks Sexy Stud
GWM, 35, 6'6", 250, br/hzl with big heart and easy-going attitude seeks other GWMs, 5'10"-6'6", medium to large muscular build, preferably with brown hair and no facial hair to meet for wild sexual liaisons. Becoming friends as well as fuckbuddies would be great, but am not seeking a romantic connection. I am GRa/Frp, a top guy, and you should be a bottom who loves to get fucked. I am safe and expect same. East Bay preferred, but am willing to commute. Married/straight/bi okay. Be relatively straight acting and don't do drugs. Smoking okay. Send descriptive photo and letter to: Mark, PO Box 281103, SF 94128. Your photo and letter will get mine.

Musical Soulmate
Refined, caring, pianist/accompanist/singer-coach, college teacher, INFP/artist-type seeks commitment-oriented lifemate who can reciprocate high ideals. Important: friendship first, HIV-, humor, interpersonal growth, awareness, intuitiveness, inner beauty, altruism, devotion, health, traditional values, integrity, love of self/others, nature/animals/beauty, philosophical, communicative, intensity. GWM, 44, 5'7", 120. I'm "whole"; you must be also. Call ★★5817.

Brawny Oakland Professional
wants to meet another healthy, well-balanced man for a loving relationship. You are probably 35-45, HIV-, attractive, muscular, career-oriented, ns/nd, and dark skinned. I'm GWM, 5'10", 188, 43, br/bl, moustache, HIV-, handsome, muscular and a health professional. I balance career, bodybuilding and spiritual growth pursuits. Have the time and desire for other fun adventures, dating, romance, hot sex and a loving relationship. Call ★★5818.

Naughty Boys Need Love Too
Sex is nice but just not enough anymore. Unconventional 23 y.o. Asian HIV+ would like to meet cleanshaven GWM under 35 y.o. for more than one night of incredible sex. Feel up to it? Call ★★5819.

Oversexed Bear Wants Fuckbuddy
GWM, 29, 5'11", 225, br/bl, with large, stocky build living in San Joaquin Valley but not afraid to commute, seeks other GWMs, straight acting, non-drug using and not looking for romantic commitments to become my social/sexual buddy. I have a high sex drive and expect you to be ready like a bitch in heat every night. I am very oral (I really love to give head) but am not into getting fucked. Safe and want you to be too. East Bay preferred. You can call my voice mail box, but a descriptive letter and photo will be demanded before we meet (I hate blind dates). Yours will get mine. Write me at: PO Box 281103, SF 94128-1103 or call ★★5820. Married/straight or bi okay.

Armenian Wild Thing
Part fierce lion, part docile pussy, too much Leo. Forties, fit, furry, funny, sometimes difficult. Middle-Eastern looks. Big heart. Seeks sensual companion HIV- to ease the roar and make me purr. PO Box 14121, SF 94114-0121.

It Only Takes One
Seeking sympatico, hot-looking, sweet-natured guy to pal around with. Like youthful, hunky, athletic good looks, late-nite cuddling, early morning fooling around, open, playful and active minds. Warmth and vulnerability more important than heat. Am gorgeous preppy-Bohemian type, unconventional, charismatic, at heart an independent, idealistic and romantic person. Your experience not important, only that you'd like to meet a down-to-earth, wholesome, sexy nice guy, a real buddy as well as lover. Let's swap photos and take it from there. PO Box 20933, Oakland 94620 or call ★★5821.

Seeking Young Male
Very masculine GWM, 35, 6'2", blond/reddish hair, blue eyes, 205 lbs. Seeks no nonsense straight-forward relationship with a young male (18-23) in the Bay Area. Looks are unimportant, personality a plus. PO Box 26252, San Jose 95159-6252 or call ★★5822.

Sensual Buddy
I'm a warm, articulate, tall blond with blue eyes, clean-shaven and slenderly, gracefully defined at 38. You're affectionate, playful yet responsible, love to touch and be touched, caress, tussle and kiss. You're well-built, 20s to early 40s. We're both nonsmokers, nature-lovers, learning patience with ourselves and each other. Sexually you prefer the top but you & I can easily forego sexual routines for the pleasure of fluid, pan-erotic sensuality. Call ★★5823.

U N Me in Bed
In search of healthy, handsome, all-American man wanting monogamous lover with 25 y.o. attractive guy, 165 lbs., 5'11", blue, blond. Appreciate art, film, theater, humor, and a good quality of life. Please don't smoke, do drugs, drink, be pretentious, or be manic depressive, but love fitness, working out together, pianos. Be 22-38 y.o., committed to your job, enjoy cuddling. Fill me up with your (personality). Photo. Reply BT Box JA101C or call ★★5824.

Boy Looking for Arrangement
24, bl/bl, cute, 130 lbs., 5'5", leather boy (in spirit) seeks dad with room for me while I attend college. Hot sex, cooking, cleaning, household management, conversation, companionship, lust, passion is what you get in return. I am a nonsmoker, non-drinker, non-drug user addicted to sex and getting an education. I am a bottom,

with my education paid for with my Army GI Bill (5 yr. vet). Serious replies only. Let's meet and talk. Call ★★5825.

Callipygian Quest

Seeking a compatible fellow, 20ish to 30-something, trim & healthy, with inner-radiant beauty, a quick, sharp intellect, and a warm disarming smile. You enjoy your own sense of independence, but savor the bond of a kiss, a cuddle, a nuzzle, or some other expression of tenderness. You like to be surprised with an unexpected kiss while we chop vegetables in the kitchen, while waiting in line at the theater, or even when all soaped-up in the shower. Discussions while curled-up together on the couch can range from Nietzsche, Buddha, Mozart, to ST:TNG. Philosophy, theology, music, literature, art, etymology, aesthetics are not prissy subjects when you talk about them but pulse with energy and excitement. Our eroticism is generated out of tenderness, compassion and genuine regard for each other. If sharing this ecstatic celebration of body, spirit and intellect with a GWM, 40, 6'1", 185 lbs., br/blu, clnshv, HIV- interests you, then please tell me who you are. Reply BT Box JA102C.

Seek and You Shall Find

This GWM, 42, 5'6½", 140 lbs., HIV-, smooth and attractive, who is active in a Catholic Parish and a 12-step program, enjoys bowling, bridge, cooking, traveling, cuddling, sex (mostly top), football. Am honest, compassionate, liberal, Democrat, Capricorn and nonsmoker. You would be nonsmoker, HIV-, active Catholic, light or non-drinker. Probability younger, taller, hairy chest and common interests. Let's explore the possibilities. Send a descriptive letter to BT Box #103C or call ★★5826. All will be answered.

Are You Shy?

Is it as hard for you to respond to this ad, as it was for me to place it? You—quiet, 30+, HIV-, slim, easygoing, straight appearance, ready for a lasting relationship. Moustache, dark hair, leather or tattoos a plus. I'm 40s, 135 lbs., 5'8", HIV-, top, moustache, live in mountains. Like music, leather & traveling. Not into gay scene or bars. Professional. Nonsmoker. How about flying to NY for the weekend to my favorite jazz club—then dancing? Give me a call. Reply BT Box JA104C.

Top Man Seeks Boyfriend

Healthy romantic blue-eyed blond man, 48, in South Bay, seeks a down-to-earth, clean, well-mannered guy, 5'10"-6'2". Must be honest and know quality/class when you come across it. I'm 6'2", 225#, alot fun, hot sex and seek 1 guy that enjoys mini-trips, dining out. I can assure you I'm one of the nicest guys around. No B.S. Send # to C.R., 751 Laurel Ave., #428, San Carlos 94070 or call ★★5827.

Sex is Not Enough

I want something more. Rugged masculine, blue collar hunk seeks similar for romantic encounter. I'm passionate about my work in landscape construction and passionate and very oral with a hot man. I haven't had a boyfriend since my "marriage" ended 6 years ago—few men excite me. Stats: 36 y.o., 6'2", 180#, WM, lean, muscular and hard body, beefy uncut, short brown hair, short trimmed beard, friendly, great smile. Seek sincere, masculine man with a great body and fat dick, 30-40, under 6'2", moustache preferred. Photo exchange a must. Call ★★5828.

R U Hairy?

Body hair drives me wild! Attractive GWM, 36, HIV-, 6', 190, sandy hair, green eyes, moustache, bodybuilder, uncut, smooth (sigh...) looking for hairy GWM, 25-40, HIV-, about my height and weight, with moustache or beard for long-term monogamous relationship. I love working out, movies, books, rock & roll, outdoors, travel, scuba diving, camping, skiing, video, computers and electronics. I am professional, intelligent, independent, masculine, sensitive, loving and have a strong sex drive. Please send letter with photo (returned). Reply BT Box JA105C or call ★★5829.

Foreskin

I want to meet other men with foreskin and admirers. Interested in ending routine infant circumcision and exploring ways to stretch or restore? Send SASE to TNM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146.

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with good-looks, health, shape, smile and with a little fun time on your hands—wanted by LM, 27 y.o. Quiet dining, honest conversation & laughs. Reply w/ph. or pic. to Manager, PO Box 3199, MSJ CA 94539. "Thanks."

Seeking Bi Teddy Bear

28-year-old BiWM physician, straight-acting and discreet, is looking for heavy set bi guy, furry front and back for casual safe play. You are in your 30s, straight-acting, HIV-, balding a plus. I'm 5'10", smooth, athletic, and I get chased by men and women, so I guess I'm good looking. I'm into good books, blues, and the outdoors. Send letter and photo to Suite 109, 1442a Walnut St., Berkeley CA 94709.

One Good Man Looking...

GWM, 40, 6', 220#, healthy, attractive smoker. I am creative and artistic, balanced and a little shy. I enjoy outdoor adventures, intimate dining and trips to the country. I value integrity, honesty and humor. Seeking GWM, 35-45, 5'8"-6'2", average to stocky build. Dark hair is a plus. Looking to play house with someone, with similar values. If this might be you, let's talk! Call ★★5830.

Husband Material

Intelligent, prof. GWM, 37, 5'10", 170, br/br, bearded, ns, social drinker, HIV-, looking for similar 35-45 for fun, friendship, possible relationship. Must be bearded (hairy a big plus) and sexually adventurous. Reply with phone #, photo if poss. Reply BT Box JA106C or call ★★5831.

Let's Have Coffee Then?

Tired of being alone, me too! Attractive, stocky, nice GWM, 53, 5'10", 190 lbs., HIV-, nonsmoker, non-drinker, monogamous type, retired—looking for GWM or GLM, 28 to 55 yrs, for friendship possibly leading to relationship. Are you attractive, nice, a little zany, spontaneous, HIV-, and looking for the beginning of a sincere, today-centered, friendship too? Reply w/photo. Reply BT Box JA107C or call ★★5832.

Flex Your Muscles

WM, 5'6", 155 lbs., seeks muscular guys of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142.

A Heartful Risk-Taker

A very imaginative, good-looking, mischievous, actor-photographer awaits your call. I'm a masculine, warm, cuddly, sexy GWM; a very passionate, youthful mid-40s, HIV-, 5'9", 160 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, bearded with a hairy chest. I am looking for someone who is willing to be vulnerable, a heartful risk-taker with high self-esteem to share new adventures in mind, body and spirit. This is more important to me than a specific age or body type. I am widely traveled, a meditator and relish creative, hot, safe sex. If you are a masculine, intelligent, sensual, loving man, please reply to: 1001 Bridgeway, Suite 637, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★5833.

Masculine, Monogamous

Me: 6'2", 185 lbs., brown, curly hair, blue/green eyes, tan complexion. I am a friendly, outgoing, straightforward kind of guy. Sexually I am a romantic top. Like everyone else, I like movies, dining out, etc. My real passions are jogging and outdoor sports. You: GWM, cute, boyish, masculine-looking 28-38 y.o., yet mature acting. Financially secure. Must have good sense of humor, honest, open and sincere. Height & weight in proportion. No drugs or alcohol. Photo required/returned. Reply BT Box JA108C.

I'm Hunting Wabbits

Wanted: Sidekick, lover, best friend, equal partner, co-conspirator. Gay grad student, attractive, funny, 23, seeks relationship with handsome man of character and humor, 21-30. Imagine a relationship somewhat like Ward and June Cleaver, somewhat like Elmer Fudd and Bugs Bunny. Letters only, please. Reply BT Box JA109C.

Wanted: Groovy Situation

With a soul music-loving, pillow-talking rebel who knows and likes himself. I want it all: good looks, fit body, sober mind, evil grin, wicked sense of humor (but knows when to turn off and tune in), and somewhere between 35 and 45 years experience. He can be tall, short, dark, blond, rich, poor, but he better not be boring more than 3 days a week max. No flab or teenie weenies (I'm shallow that way)! Moustaches and hairy chests get extra attention. So do artistic tendencies, monogamy, outdoorsiness, a love of books and magazines, writers of bad or good poetry, and a strong interest in gardening. If he wears cologne or jewelry, shops every Macy's sale, is devoted to the gym and thinks an interest in "dining, travel, beaches, films, the opera and good conversation" will be enough to hold my interest, he should move on to the next ad. I'm 36, a Southern-born GWM writer, 5'8", 150, br/br, slightly disheveled, sexually flexible but with bottom tendencies, sober, quick-witted, muscular and addicted to music and books. I like the Box, Japanese gardens, ethnic foods, Rawhide, CDs, baggy jeans, quilting, running, and am hot for the Doc in "Northern Exposure." I'm a rough-edged catch; won't settle for less. Your full-length photo is a must (I'm shallow, remember?). Reply BT Box JA110C.

Inner Child Seeks Dad/Pal

I'm looking for a strong, warm, physical and heartful man. Someone with "Dad" kind of energy—except that Dad is near my age (37) and is also like a best friend or a buddy. Someone who is not afraid to meet life's challenges head on, someone brave and courageous. About me: I'm of medium height, wiry strength, GWM, HIV+. To me, a quick mind and sense of humor is as much of a turn-on as the physical chemistry. And I want to hold you as much as be held by you. Plusses: you feel, care, give and might be good at backrubs and cooking. You have a strong, healthy sexual drive. You might have an interest in the spiritual or be in recovery. Minuses: workaholics, those with serious unresolved family issues, substance abusers, those unwilling to feel and express their feelings. I have a wide variety of interests including winter sports, home, all kinds of music and dancing, and travel. Your HIV status unimportant as long as you actively take care of yourself and love life. Letter and photo please gets mine. Reply BT Box JA111C or call ★★5834.

Tabloid Dates

Wanted for standard stuff: clubs, food, sex. I'm cute, shy and somewhat shallow, GAM, 30, HIV-, 5'8", 140. You: GWM, GBM, GLM, under 35, your stats similar to mine. Get along best with extroverted, happy people who smoke. Nonsmokers welcome. Send all your letters to: PO Box 14433, SF 94114.

Romantic Bottom

Wants to meet a masculine top for special times making love, sharing interests, laughing, enjoying music, food, wine, movies and theater together. I need your arms wrapped snugly around me and want the chance to make you feel good. I'm 45, 5'8", dark good looks, HIV+, prof., Jewish, amateur but serious musician (classical piano). Since you and I aren't into a gay lifestyle, we probably won't meet unless you respond to this ad. So, if you've read this far, how about picking up pen and paper now? Please respond (photo appreciated and returned) to PO Box 26661, SF 94126.

60s Kind of Guy

GWM, blond, long hair, cleanshaven, ex-hippie, decent looking but no hunk, 5'11", 170, 44 y.o., seeks mate. Like books, bicycles, home life, children, outdoors, exercise, blues, classical, kissing, safe sex. Dislike S/M, role playing, size queens, gyms, bars, snobs, drunks, heavy metal. Looking for gay or bi Asian man, 30+, affectionate, employable, nonsmoker, almost always sober. Call ★★5835.

Strawberry Blond

Masculine, very attractive strawberry blond seeks compatible partner for relationship. I'm a single, HIV- GWM who's professional and also fun-loving, open and communicative (young-looking 45, 5'7", 140 lbs., trim build, blue eyes, great smile). Interests include movies, theater, music, reading, keeping in shape, travel, volunteering. You are 29-42, HIV-, under 6'2" and trim, with weight proportionate to height. Together, we are nonsmokers/non-substance abusers, and enjoy sharing affection, passionate lovemaking and emotional intimacy. Please respond with (returnable) photo/phone. Reply BT Box JA112C or call ★★5836.

Top, Bottom or Versatile

Me: 30, 5'10", 170 lbs., HIV-, versatile, imaginative, good-looking. You: top, bottom or versatile, good-looking, confident (inexperienced bottoms okay). You and I are interested in dominance and submission practiced in a structured, safe and sane way which includes light to moderate S/M and B/D and does not necessarily include or preclude leather or even sexual acts (fellatio and intercourse). No smokers, drinkers, druggies, please. Call ★★5837.

Oakland Midnight Rambler

GJM nudist, exhibitionist, voyeur, masculine, aggressive, strictly into visual and verbal phallic intimacy, with heavy mutual verbal action, while drinking, smoking, consuming "party" type substances. Available late nite only—East Bay. Not into mirrors, couples, videos, shaving or other distractions. For serious-minded and sincere only, not little curiosity seekers. Call ★★5838.

Sonoma County

GWM, 40, quiet, low-key, open-minded, easygoing, loyal, non-promiscuous, lonely. Enjoy cooking, movies, gardening. Love animals, music, nature, quiet times at home. Not into the gay scene—seeks same for friendship. Age, race, condition not important—what's inside is. Maybe we can make each other's lives better. Reply BT Box JA113C.

I Finally Got a Life

Now I'd like to share it with someone. San Jose GWM, 30, 6', slim, average looks, cute dimples, brown hair/eyes, enjoys movies, music (everything from Sinatra to Mozart to Live 105), baseball, good fiction, trashy mysteries, pizza and beer, political debate, museum strolling, quiet nights together. You: 25-35, mature yet playful, any race, nice eyes/smile, top preferred. No barflies, radical queers. Call ★★5839.

Too Hot To Be Single

Very good-looking, masculine GWM, 28, 5'11", 175, br/bl, clean-shaven, HIV+, healthy. I enjoy all kinds of movies and music, dancing, working out, travel, quiet evenings at home or dining out. Would love to meet another good-looking masculine man (25-35) with similar interests, understanding and a good sense of humor for fun times and possible romance. Don't let this shy, hot guy sit home alone. Call ★★5840.

Are You There?

Seeking for a young, good shape, healthy GWM. Prefer a blond or brown-hair with blue eyes. I'm a mature, married Asian male in 60s, looks 40s, 5'10", 165, healthy, salt/pepper. I appreciate the outside relationship. Into warm, sensuous massage, cuddling and let nature take its course. Prefer East Bay near Walnut Creek. Write: Boxholder, PO Box 2045, Walnut Creek 94595-0045.

Good-Looking Asian

Seeks Asian/White, 19-30 y.o. friends for talking, walking, movies, dining out, or anything fun. Inexp. or bi okay. Me: 5'7", 150 lbs., smooth and slim. Please reply w/phone #. Reply BT Box JA114C.

GAM

Good-looking, nonsmoking/drinking GAM, 43 y.o., 5'6", slim, HIV-, sincere, honest, is looking for an older and mature GWM to treasure friendship/relationship. I enjoy music, traveling, walking, cooking, photography, quiet evening at home. Please drop a line with phone/photo (will be returned). Reply BT Box JA115C.

Uncut and Hairy Italian

From Italy, 43, 5'8", 160 lbs., moustache, dark sexy features, balding, very hairy, masculine, muscular, well-hung, looking for well-hung men, any race, for safe times. I'm sound and stable with many interests, into quality, Italian food, erotic photography, videos, nature, mostly oral. Live in SF, weekends at the River. Photo/phone/note to: PO Box 2554, Guerneville 95446-2554 or call ★★5841.

I Want You!

If you are a GWM, attractive, intelligent, happy, in-shape, nonsmoking, hairy, dominant, tall, 25-40, I would like to meet you. If you like GWM, attractive, bright, tall, slender, submissive and in their mid-twenties, you should meet me. Call without delay. Call ★★5842.

You Are My Valentine

Professional GWM, 35, HIV-, 6', 195 lbs., auburn/green, moustached smoker knows that a sensitive, caring man my age or younger is ready to be my Valentine. We enjoy theater, movies, dancing, massaging each other and cuddling all night. We have a great sense of humor, love to laugh and want Valentine's Day to be the start of a great relationship. Please leave a message. Call ★★5843.

Love X, U2, Run Westy Run

Hate show tunes, cigarettes, drugs and alcohol. Am fun, cute 42 y.o. GWM seeks affectionate, loving, funny man. Me—ex-dj, singer, community connected, monogamous wannabe. Me—tall, hairy, cleanshaven, non-addictive, likes to nest, watch old movies on TV, social and private, blue collar, sing the blues, wants tender and kind, loyal and steadfast, trustworthy, unpretentious, musicians and writers a plus. Call ★★5844.

Hot, Hunky and Huggable

Sought by good-looking GAM, 28, 5'10", 165# (good build, strong legs). I like rugged, masculine men under 35 who are friendly, easygoing and casual. Like to hold hands while watching movies, playing footsies in bed under the sheets, and waking up in someone's embrace. Reply BT Box JA116C.

Other Muscular Men Wanted

To play on a regular basis with this good-looking, muscular, masculine man. I'm a 5'7", 155 lb., HIV-, GWM. You must be HIV- and have a hard, muscular body. Married, straight, bi, inexperienced OK. Daytime best. Call ★★5845.

Tired of Sleeping Alone

Relationship oriented GWM, 36, 5'11", 150, quiet, gentle, shy, seeking skinny/thin GAM, GLM, GWM under 38, HIV- for romance, affection, companionship (no kink). Rob, PO Box 1041, Alameda 94501 or call ★★5846.

HIV+ Black Wanted

By WM mid-aged, attractive, good shape, healthy, intelligent, open, introspective. I like to exercise, read, go to theater, travel, enjoy new age energies, do state of the art treatments. A good person to know and love, looking for the same. Write to: WR, PO Box 880737, SF 94188-0737 or call ★★5847.

Affectionate, Monogamous

GWM, mid-50s, 5'10", 150, trim build, homeowner, seeks a relationship-oriented HIV-GWM, Latin, 40s to 60s. I'm stable, sensitive and responsive. Seek same in partner. Hobbies: Mexico, photography, gardening, writing, theater, ballet and entertaining at home. I want a partner with a proportional build who is free from drugs and excessive drinking. Reply BT Box JA117C or call ★★5848.

Stocky, Well-Built White Males 47-58

I love me dearly. Help me love you too. BM, 47, 5'9", 165, seeks the company of a sexually active, healthy, HIV-, affectionate top. I like a good fucking from a hot lover I absolutely trust. No smokers, brief encounters, fakes. I like decent, relationship-minded males. Photo to: Boxholder, PO Box 28283, Oakland 94604.

Quality for Quality

WM, 41, career professional, 5'8", 162 lbs. blond/brown, moustache, considered attractive. Qualities include: stable, secure, communicative, genuine, fun-loving, easy-going, independent, adventurous. Interests include: good friends, theater, dining out, good conversation, traveling, movies, new adventures, enjoying life. Seeking a quality man to date, and explore possibilities with. I tend to be attracted to Asian, Latin, African-American, or dark-haired (topish) men, who are my age or younger, who seek a quality man to date. An ad can never convey it all so let's communicate, meet and hopefully date. Reply BT Box JA118C or call ★★5849.

Are You Real?

18 y.o. GPIM from East Bay burbs seeks GWM 18-21 y.o. for friendship/relationship; who like me enjoys adventure, but is a homebody at heart; lives life w/out games, drugs, alcohol, smoking, or excessive problems; and is just a real kind of guy. Call ★★5850.

Positively Handsome

Good-looking HIV+ GWM seeks same for fun, dating, romance. I'm 36, 5'10½", 150 lbs., green eyes, brown hair, with a lean, defined, muscular build. I'm happy and healthy and into spending quality time with a warm, sexy guy. You must be positive (in attitude), handsome, muscular, and open to all kinds of fun and adventure. I'm a hot kisser. You should be too! Call ★★5851.

Seeking Slim Asian or ?

Sincere WM, young for 42 years, 6'2", 174 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, brown hair, healthy, HIV-, seeks slim to skinny, 20-35. I'm affectionate, good listener, professional. Prefer warmhearted relationship-oriented, nonsmoker, who exercises and doesn't like bars. Ideally seeking lover, open to sincere friend. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Time Out for Touching

You're independent, in-shape, wanting occasional man-to-man contact—cocksucking, cuddling, conversation, cards? I'm non-scene GWM, 54, 6'1", 190#, fit, HIV-, greybeard, professional, volunteer, homeowner, in longtime platonic (non-domestic) relationship. Not looking for brunches, beaches or boyfriends, just one sturdy, spunky man who needs a caring, supportive, playful pal. Need your shoulders rubbed, nipples nibbled, fantasies fulfilled, sorrows shared? Reach out and... PO Box 3071, SF 94119.

Clearly Rooted

GWM seeks GM 45+. I am well-educ. (post-grad), wide reading interests, SF community involved: business & volunteer, ambitious, love animals, nature conservator, fit, bicycle-hike-ski, active, HIV-, mix well with variety of lifestyles. Am 46, with 46 to go. You: no age limit but must be physically vibrant! Call ★★5852.

Handsome GWM Seeks Asian

Are you a handsome Asian who seeks a permanent, live-together, monogamous relationship? Who is single, now emotionally free from any other lover relationship & seriously wants to settle down with the right man? Who requires a GWM as lover? Is younger (25-45) & looking for an active, manly, well-educated, mature GWM? Is highly sexed bottom/versatile Asian & looking for a highly sexed top/versatile GWM? If so, let's meet. I'm 6', 172#, brown/brown, clean-shaven, nonsmoker, non-drugger, non-drinker, with strong, hairy legs. I enjoy movies (esp. comedies), classical piano music, jogging, ballet, disco dancing, plays, ocean beaches, reading, walking, TV. Especially enjoy tennis—was runners-up doubles champion, in high school competition, for state of Oregon. French, German, English descent, American-born, raised in Portland, Ore.; educated Reed College, U. of Chicago, U. of Hawaii. Former college instructor & grad. teaching asst. in Oriental & Western philosophy. Taught some Indian philosophy (my specialty), Confucius, Lao Tzu, Chuang Tzu & western. I am now an aspiring writer. Warmhearted, I have tremendous love to share with the love of my life. Reply with photo (returned) to BT Box 119C. Your photo gets mine.

Looking for Special Man

Work at 7 a.m., meetings all day! Enough!! GWM, 6'1", 175 lbs., seeks tall, 35-45 y.o. man interested in relationship. We are both attractive, adventuresome, HIV-, educated, affectionate men who love, laugh and live with commitment and passion. We enjoy gym workouts, candlelight dinners, comfortable in 501s or black tie, bicycle riding, movies and long, playful weekends. Being we are both in our 30s, we know what we want and can't settle for less. Intrigued? Call ★★5853.

Well,

your name eludes me. Just know it's 'D'-something and that you're a pretty cool looking writer guy for BT who sometimes parties at the Box and 'Beam on Sundays. 1st saw you at Evolute and was beyond dizzy with awe. Let's shoot the breeze over a coupla somethings sometime. Me? Funky GAM with a penchant for laughs and a yearning to meet you. Grin, buddy! Call ★★5854.

Ready, Willing and Able

to commit to a relationship. Handsome, masculine WM, young 38, 6', 150, wants to meet a WM, 30s to early 40s, with a tall (5'9"+) slim/medium build interested in dating and developing a longterm relationship. We are both SF residents, professional, career-oriented, financially stable, HIV-, nonsmokers, open/honest communicators, variety of interests, all around "nice guys," happy with our lives but wanting a partner to share it all with. Reply BT Box JA120C or call ★★5855.

Sexstasy

If you could enjoy my hot mouth, tongue and deep throat to get your big cock ready to pump my hot, cute ass (not necessary), I'm interested in meeting you mornings, days, evenings, weekends for safe encounters. You're GWM (bi, married no problem), well-endowed, slender or muscular. I'm boyishly handsome Asian, 37, cleancut, clean-shaven, very smooth body, physically fit (run, walk), HIV-, discreet, ready. Call ★★5856.

Sometimes Insecure

GWM, 38, who still gets nervous on first dates but

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somehow manages to have fun anyway, seeks warm, adventuresome, good-looking man, 28-40. I'm 6'1", 190#, nice build and very attractive with dark hair and gentle smile. I've been out of circulation for a while and am (frankly) a little out of practice. I live an active, healthy life (love outdoor stuff, i.e., skiing, tennis, biking, travel), but am also a natural nestbuilder & relish being home with friends, cooking, playing music, etc. You are naturally silly and lighthearted (which helps me get over myself) and likewise enjoy an active life. You are also HIV-, nonsmoker, honest, spiritual and (gasp!) loving. You're not in any great hurry to get married and find that the process of getting close can be as much fun as being close. If an occasional kiss from my Golden Retriever won't send you scurrying for a bottle of disinfectant, and if the thought of chasing adventure with a sexy man excites you, then put pen to paper and drop me a note. Your photo is appreciated and will be returned. Reply BT Box JA121C or call ★★5857.

Husband Material

Successful professional with a lot to give seeks mature soulmate for longterm commitment. GWM, 38, tall, trim, swimmer's build, bearded. I'm HIV-, attractive, intelligent, self-confident, articulate, spiritual, nurturing, monogamous, witty. So are you. Ability to talk about feelings a must. Passions: movies, theater, gardening, cooking, writing, psychotherapy. No drugs, alcohol, smokers. Photos returned. Reply BT Box JA122C or call ★★5858.

Naked Lunch

You were in Emeryville at the 7:40 showing Sunday, 19 January. You're tall, bald and wear glasses. I'm the slim, bleached blond who kept looking at you. Our companions made me shy of introducing myself, but I'd like to meet you. How about another movie? Reply BT Box JA123C or call ★★5859.

Slim and Boyish Looking?

Warmhearted WM, young for 42 years, 6'2", 175 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, HIV-, blue eyes, brown hair, seeks slim or skinny guy for little brother, sincere friend. Any race OK. I'm affectionate, good listener, mental health professional. Prefer 19-34, smooth, warmhearted, nonsmoker who exercises some and doesn't like bars. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202. Plus if you have some spiritual interests (I'm a Buddhist).

Spanking Stepdad Wanted

Sincere WM, youthful 42, 6'2", 174 lbs., trim, blue eyes, nice smooth buns, HIV-, seeks warmhearted, strict but caring stepdad who knows how to administer traditional corporal punishment with hand, maybe strap, to disobedient young man. Prefer over 46, any race, spiritual, somewhat fit; attitude more important than looks. Prefer warm friendship with no sex! In letter please say enough. Reply PO Box 14794, SF 94114.

Matinee D'ivresse

Petite veille d'ivresse, sainte! If only because of the mask you have bestowed upon us. Nous t'affirmous, methode! Nous n'oublions pas que tu as glorifie hier chacun de nous ages. We have faith in the poison. Nous savons donner notre vie tout entiere tous les jours. Voici le temps des assassins! PO Box 471463, SF 94147.

Still Believe in Love?

Then we have something in common already. I'm growth-oriented, both in relationships and self. Am honest and communicative, nurturing and caring, romantic and sensual, have good sense of humor. Interested in all the arts, especially in playing piano and singing, opera, ballet, recitals, symphony, selected Broadway. Like cliff walks, travel, languages, leisurely dinners, cuddling, not into bars, clubs, gym. I'm 5'8", 170, 47 (told I look 37), blue eyes, brown thinning hair, moustache, HIV-, nonsmoker. You share some similar qualities and interests with me. Also nice (but not necessary) if you're hirsute, beard or moustache, HIV-, med. build (OK slightly overweight). All sincere calls answered, so let's talk. Call ★★5860.

Laser Lust

If you think hot stats are 12" (diameter) and 27" plus (measured diagonally) and your favorite setting besides bed is a darkened living room wired for surround, then we have something in common. If you're a healthy 40-ish (30-ish? 50-ish?) GWM, believe bald is beautiful and hairy is heaven, then we should talk. Let's pick out a movie on laserdisc and set an evening. Your player or mine? Call ★★5861.

Liars & Drunks

Call someone else. GWM, 5'8", 140, hairy, Fr/A, Gr/P, seeks man who is honest & trustworthy. You communicate during good times and bad. You want someone who is loving and caring of your needs and mine. You enjoy country music, outdoors, movies, theater and especially cuddling up and watching a movie at home. You are 35-50. I know you are out there but I can't find you if you don't call. Call ★★5862.

Short and Balding

is beautiful. You: short, balding, body hair, decent shape, dark haired (what there is), stable, down-to-earth, masculine. Me: 6'5", 180 lbs., decent body, straight-acting -appearing, walker, biker, outdoorsman, stable, employed, single, love to cuddle and kiss for hours, sleep close. Emotionally available for right man. PO Box 10966, Oakland 94610 or call ★★5863.

Not Guilty

The thing about Jewish guys is that their mothers trained them to be open, loyal, caring, hard-working and maternal. The guilt and angst of relationships with blond WASPs has led this 33, 6'2", br./br., 190, GJM, back to the fold. It's not that I'm religiously focused, it's just that I believe that cultural familiarity can lead to a richer relationship. If you are and feel the same, have a serious sense of humor and interest in personal growth and the arts (film, theater, architecture, stand up comedy and "LA Law"), then let's go to a Bar Mitzvah together and see what the family thinks! Prefer letter and photo but I'll answer calls. Reply BT Box JA124C or call ★★5864.

Jazz Person Sought

GWM, 36, 5'5", 120 lbs., dark blond hair, red beard/moustache, green eyes, hairy chest. Seeking: GBM, GLM, GAM (others OK also) who enjoys jazz/crossover (KBLX, KKSF, KJAZ type) as beginning mutual interest area. (Also dance, theater, art, your suggestions.) Let's hang together, hear some music, dinners, get to know each other for a while. Note: I use manual wheelchair, since '80 accident. Let's destroy the myth... I work, do laundry, dance, shop, all life activities as others do... including getting hard (though that comes later). Friends first, if feels right to both of us, sure things can develop/continue. Reply letter/phone. Reply BT Box JA125C or call ★★5865.

Cop Needs Partner

This GWM, 29 y.o., 6'1", 195, brn/brn in good shape is looking for a friend/sex buddy who is discreet, sincere, cute, bright, in good shape, under 6', HIV-, straight acting/appearing and has an easygoing attitude. If you're looking for a good friend who is considerate, sincere, easygoing and straight-acting and you live in the City or East Bay and aren't into any "scene," then we should talk. Call ★★5866.

Professional Kind of Guy

I am a masculine 33 y.o. Black professional, 5'8", 190, HIV-. Love running, music, concerts & some sports. I am very sensitive & enjoy intimate, quiet evenings. I'm looking for men of all races who are 25-35, weight proportional to height, outgoing & confident & masculine. If this sounds like you call & let's see what comes up. Call ★★5867.

Cum Along With Me

before me, after me, cum; you: 18-35, muscular, dependable, conversational, cuddly, sensual, enjoy massage; us: fr/gr a/p; safe; me: professional GWM, enjoy company of youthful men; 50, 5'10", 180, muscular, gym-toned, HIV-, graying beard/moustache, cut, beautiful-shaved-large-low-hangers, sense of humor, enjoy outdoors, getting it on indoors; drug-free; love Latins, Asians, adore men any race. Casual OK; open to intimacy, relationships. Call ★★5868.

Let's Sail Away

I'm an adventurous 35 outdoors/alternative (?) type. Warm heart, sensitive, honest, creative. 6'1", 165, thin, beard. Ideally you have a boat and a beard, in your 40s and want to sail out the Golden Gate some sunrise soon. Practically the beard's more important than the boat, I also enjoy walking, snuggling, music, movies. I'm into fit active fun loving men, my age or older, emotionally open and available, spiritually attuned, w/facial hair, S&P a plus. Call ★★5869.

Young Asians and Latins Wanted

by attractive, healthy, slim 38-year-old. If you are 18-25 let me treat you to dinner and you provide dessert. Not looking for relationship, just some good times in city or upper Peninsula. I'll even provide a relaxing massage to relax every one of your muscles. Write or leave a message and I'll be very discreet when I return your call. Call ★★5870.

Romance and/or Good Sex

37 y.o. GWM. Short (5'4") 154 lbs. Stocky. Work out regularly with weights. Great chest and arms, light brown hair, slightly balding, professional, honest, caring man, sensitive to the needs of others as well as my own. Great sense of humor. Looking for a man 35 to 45 with qualities similar to mine. Non-substance abuser. Prefer a man who is big and muscular, my size or preferably bigger. Call ★★5871.

If You Like to Watch or Be Watched

by short guy, 5'5", in good shape, 39 y.o., nice hairy legs, ass, w/e. I like hot JO together. You: any age, size, hairy below the waist. Reply to: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361.

Sonoma County

GWM, 45, 6', 160 lbs., seeks G/Bi males for friendship and sex. No BS, just friends to get together and have a good time. Just be down-to-earth, open minded with a sense of humor and wanting to play, slowly. I don't drink or smoke tobacco but am fun just the same. Send phone # for quickest reply to: PO Box 921, Forestville 95436-0921 or call ★★5872.

Seeking Black JO Buddies

GWM, 38, 6', 150#, trim beard, attractive, HIV-, wants to meet similar GBM for ball-bustin' good times and whatever else develops. Reply w/photo & phone #. Reply BT Box JA126C.

Friendly Oral

Very talented, late-30s, 5'10", 160 lbs., trim beard, hairy, brown/green, available evenings and some days, seek sexual friendship or just hot times. Open to all types of (trim) men and also love getting head. Call ★★5873.

Headbangers & Ball Grinders

I'm 35, 6'1", 180, want narly young buddy with mean streak. Like giving or receiving tough ball pulling and crunching till one dude gives up & blows a load! Dig wrestling and kickboxing. I'm a hungry head giver and like getting off till we both go dry. Make your woody drip? Drop a photo and drop a load. PO Box 214, Santa Rosa 95402 or call ★★5874.

Friends and More

Could you be attracted to a mature man? I hope so because I'm looking for another guy in his 40s or 50s, trim and in good health with quiet fire. Usual interests, flexible, tolerant and only slightly crazy. Now you know just a little about me so call, say a little about yourself and leave a phone #. We'll talk soon and get better acquainted. Call ★★5875.

Blasphemous Cosmic Artist:

Laterally mobile singer/songwriter with queer sense of humor and taste for serious edgework, seeks psychedelic "evil twin" with similar blend of radical and esoteric pan-theistic surrealism, into real ale and trans-dimensional encounters. Call ★★5876.

Hairy Chested Men

Now you know my turn-on. Me: 27, smoothish, educated, handsome, athletic, interesting. 6', 155, br/bl, HIV-, nice smile. Looking for: down-to-earth, tall, good-looking, dark-haired man (30s-45), bald or beard OK, for: fun, friendship (more?). I love the outdoors, healthy living, cycling and exploring Calif. Yes, I am looking for a special man, but enjoy meeting new friends, too. You? Reply BT Box JA127C or call ★★5877.

No Heavy Bar/Party Scene

Smooth, dark good-looks, 18-35 (Asian, Latin, Italian, or ?)—not into butch/femme games; easy-going top (or buddy) seeking easygoing bottom (or buddy)—150% safesex, slowhand videos/fantasies (Matt Ramsey, Kirk Cummings) and also seeking more serious partner/friends: simple stable lifestyle (moderate, body & soul, "a Higher Power"), sense of humor, music (pop, jazz, gospel, rock, etc.), the Twilight Zone, philosophy, ethnic food... I'm GWM, 29, 5'9", 150#, hairy, cleanshaven, called good-looking. Letter and photo to: E.J., 41 Sutter St., #1565, SF 94104.

Asian Sensation

Gay Asian Male, 21 yrs old, 5'7" and 160 lbs. wishes to meet gay Asians and Caucasians who value honesty, sincerity and affection for a one-on-one relationship. You must enjoy music, occasional theater and dancing and definitely giving and getting romantic attention. Let's plunge in and see what may happen. Reply BT Box JA128C or call ★★5878.

Sex

Handsome, versatile, masculine, 33-yr.-old, white man, HIV-. I'm looking for a man that's not afraid to have sex. I'm 5'8", 145 lbs., muscular and beefy, brown hair/hzl eyes, great butt, hard chest and stomach. Looking for men 5'8" plus, HIV-, 25-35 yrs., hard muscles, who like to fuck. Call ★★5879.

Little Bit Country, Little Bit Rock 'n' Roll

Sincere GWM, 41, 6', blnd/bl, 160 lbs., HIV-. Masculine but gentle, honest, fun loving and fit. Some interests are dinners with friends, movies, beach, music, and quiet nites at home holding my partner in my arms. Would like to meet a sincere GWM/GLM with some of the same interests, around 35, under 6', slim, HIV-, to share my life with. If you're into meeting someone who really is caring, send letter and photo. Reply BT Box JA129C or call ★★5880.

Innocence Lost is Comfort Gained

You are arrogant in attitude, creative in thinking, passionate in bed, or any mixture of, between 23 and 35, handsome before your morning coffee and I haven't had you yet. I'm 25, 5'5", 115 lbs., lt. brown, blue, outspoken, self-assured, handsome and fun. I smoke if you can deal. Call ★★5881.

Caring, Loving

24-year-old GWM, looking for a man in his mid-twenties to mid-thirties who knows what he wants out of life and is willing to share his time and passion. Intelligence, self-esteem and virtue all musts. If you are down-to-earth and good-looking and are looking for a relationship that can last, please call ★★5882.

Sleepover With Me

I'm looking for someone(s) to sleep with on an occasional basis, may develop into more. Sex generally, not always included. We will rent movies or watch TV before going to bed together. Casual arrangement only. I'm 25, GWM, 5'8", 145, well built—not manufactured, affectionate, longhaired with a brain. You should be smooth, warm, under 30, and handsome, cute or sexy. Latin or blond a plus. Call ★★5883.

Good-Looking Muscular HIV- Guy

Seeks same. I'm 5'7", 155 lbs., bl/bl 40 y.o., caring, loving, very masculine, successful, stable top. Looking for longterm best friend and sex buddy with time available 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and a hard, tight, muscular body. Call ★★5884.

Playful Erotic Events

Rediscover the pride, honor and pleasure of being a man and feeling loved. Join an adventure of sensuous touch, joyful spunk and healthy sex. Bond with other hot, sex-positive men. Write: BrotherPlay, PO Box 14593, SF 94114 for event information.

Is It Audacious

for a man with aids to still want to share physical and emotional intimacy? In my 46 years I've always strongly believed in thinking things thru, taking risks and living with conviction and integrity. I've had several positive, loving relationships, visited 42 countries, developed many intimate friendships, and left "downtown" behind to start my own interior design business. Sexy, for me, would be another trim, confident, attractive man of humor and integrity in his 40s. I choose to believe it's possible not to let a virus define what's attainable for me. If you feel similarly, let's meet. Call ★★5885.

95 Pairs of Panties

Think of the possibilities. Secret fantasies (your other lovers don't understand) of sliding faces and dicks over men's asses and crotches in satin panties. For men who love to play with/in panties. Hot safe sex with mostly top, GWM professional, 170, 5'11", balding, gym-toned. Also lots of cum-stained stiff panties that have fallen from favor—free to good home. Tell me how you'll use them. Reply BT Box JA130C or call ★★5886.

Sleep Over

Busy artist with unpredictable schedule seeks spirited, spontaneous sweethearts for occasional casual sex and/or sleep-overs. I'm a youthful 37, very good-looking, great body, affectionate, and a terrific kisser. You should be 20-37, slender, sexy, not too hairy—nice eyes & lips a big plus. Send photo—xerox OK. Reply BT Box JA131C or call ★★5887.

Handsomest of All

I'm HIV-, 35, anthropologist, Colombian, complex, single, 6', 170 lbs., well-endowed, blond/blue, new to the USA, horny, exquisite, understanding, ambitious, deep, fine, virtuous, with a sexuality that is attracted only to very handsome men. Seeks top quality companion for long life, great sex. You must be a jock upon whom we can sow our seeds, and if you aren't, then nothing less than a Nobel Prize might win. Reply BT Box JA132C or call ★★5888.

"Married," With Beautiful Cock

Explore your fantasy (not too wild!) with me. 24 y.o. GWM, gym-toned, smooth, 5'8", nonsmoker, seeks older, good-looking, fit, masculine men for discreet sexplay. Perhaps you are hunky (or lean that way), somewhat hairy, and health-minded. Generally I enjoy reciprocal oral stim. and titplay. Sensuality & assertiveness a must. I vaguely resemble Doogie Howser facially with dkr features. I'm quiet, centered, very sexual. Some daytime hours. Don't think it over to death, just write. Reply BT Box JA133C or call ★★5889.

Life Partner/Boy Next Door

GWM, 36, 6', 180#, br/br, beard, new to SF, med/sci background, emotionally & financially stable, seeks same. Values: chemistry between people, and openness about intimacy. Likes: the outdoors, foreign films, good food and cuddling. Preference: no smoke, furry types. Tall men welcomed. Photo (returned) and phone number. Reply BT Box JA134C or call ★★5890.

D.C., Excelsior, Bayshore, Brisbane

35 y.o. GWM, hot, horny, seeks cute cool Latins, Asians, Blacks, Cauc. for a.m./p.m./late night cheap sex. Tired of cruising Collingwood til 4 a.m. and going home frustrated? Want some oral/anal action w/hot blond? Stoned? Wired? Need to get off bad? Got a secret spot—Balboa/Glenn/McLaren Parks, Serramonte? Or your home (or work?) Reply BT Box JA135C or call ★★5891, anytime!

Need Valentine Repair Kit

In the form of a cute, casual, easygoing, happy boyfriend. Head and heart slightly damaged in '91 and I need friendship, dating, sensual sex and (affordable) times together satisfying both our interests and thirsts for adventure and insight to mend. Me: 37, blnd/blu, 5'7", 150, hairy, handsome (?), HIV+, healthy. You (maybe?): under 40 (30), Asian, Latin, Cauc., trim, vers. Please no selfish, possessive, greedy, mindless! Reply BT Box JA136C or call ★★5892.

Weekend Warrior

Looking for another man who shares interests and traits. I am a serious Mt. biker and skier. Other interests include movies, travel, backpacking, socializing and the city. My healthy lifestyle includes the gym, no drugs, tobacco or alcohol. A sense of humor and an optimistic outlook is important. I revel in frequent passionate, giving sex. Like you I am seeking a monogamous, communicative, honest, affectionate relationship. I am college educated, 30, 5'11", 170, blue/brown and hairy. Reply BT Box JA137C or call ★★5893.

All-American Asian Man

Physically energetic, 26, 5'6", 145 lbs., with handsome dark features, a cute butt, and smooth, muscular, sexually versatile body, seeks men of any background to date. My interests include reading, music, traveling, sports, academics, dining and working out. I prefer men who are, like myself, sincere, masculine, financially secure, in great shape bodily and mentally, a socially aware individual who likes to keep himself busy. Let's meet, talk, and see where we can channel our energies. Romance and relationship possible. Reply BT Box JA138C or call ★★5894.

The BMW 750 il

May just possibly be the ultimate driving machine. But what is more important is the man in the driver's seat. He is physically fit, masculine, confident, possesses a great deal of understated class, very attractive, and very special. He is professional, 40-45, supportive, a romantic, and monogamous. This very handsome, GBM, 29 yrs., intelligent, hot-blooded, cool-minded, Scorpion with great potential is seeking a low maintenance, longterm relationship with a father type disconnected from the mainstream. Write or call for further details and experience the difference between an ordinary relationship and the ultimate one. Reply BT Box JA139C or call ★★5895.

Lover Man, Oh, Where Can You Be?

I want a relationship with someone that likes to go out to a movie or just stay home together. I like stocky, hairy men with a great sense of humor. A big nose is a plus. Me: I'm a 25 y.o. GWM artist, 6'1", brown hair/green eyes, HIV-. So let's get together and talk. Call ★★5896.

Daddy's Boy Needs Adoption

Boy is GWM bottom, HIV-, 22, 6', 155#, short brown hair, blue eyes, affectionate, cute, smoker, does not drink or drug, in need of love and direction. Daddy should be GWM top, 33 to 55, 5'8" +, medium to large build, facial hair a must. Strict and affectionate, hairy a+, lite S/M, B/D, heavy cuddling. Please daddy train me to be your boy. Call ★★5897.

Friends/Pen Pals

I'm looking for lasting friendship with warm, caring, understanding, ordinary gay or bisexual younger men. I'm a tall, thin, 50, HIV-, nonsmoking and non-drinking GWM, conservative in appearance and behavior, liberal in outlook, educated, and very interested in how I might enrich your life. I listen to, encourage and enjoy talking with and being with really nice men. (Photo appreciated.) Write to: Boxholder, PO Box 2282, SF 94126.

You Like Stanford, I Like Cal

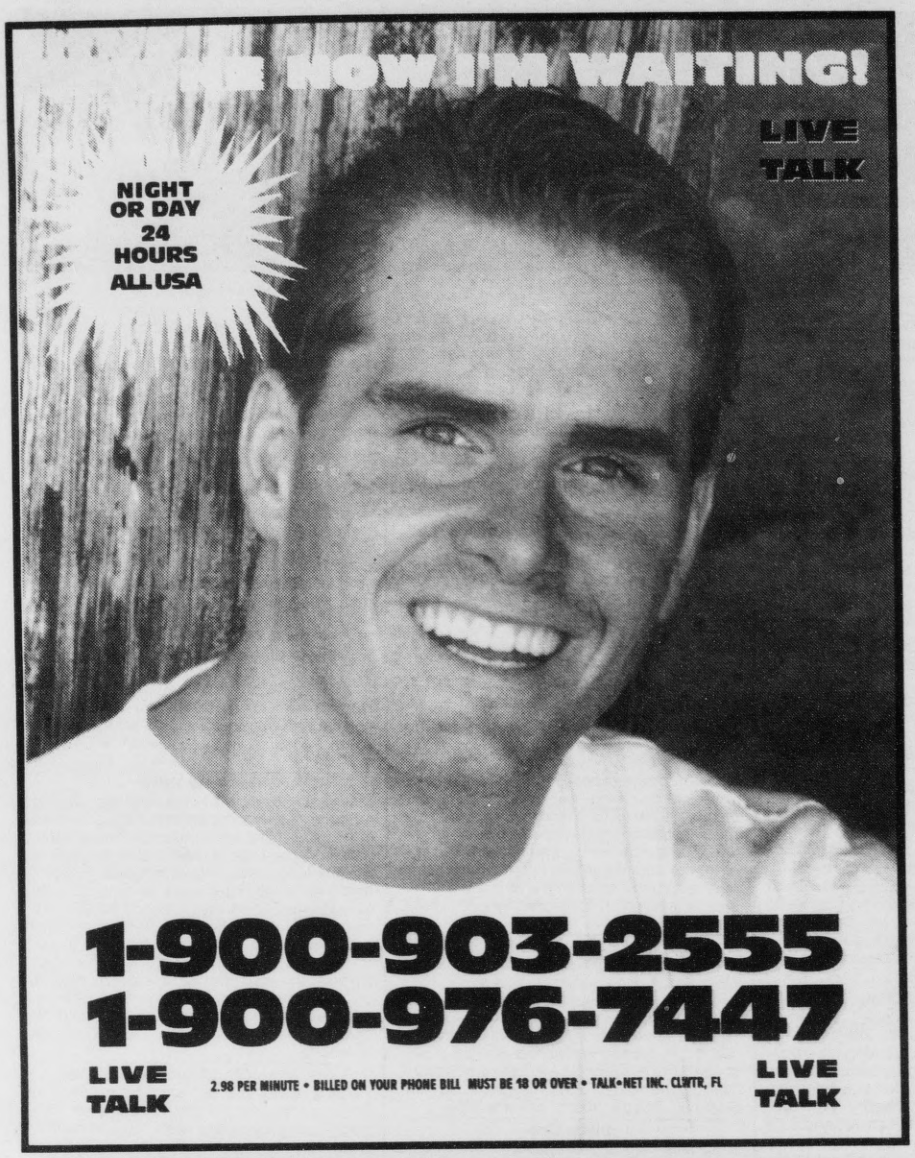
Reverse commuter (SF/Peninsula) whose heart belongs to Cal but who somehow finds himself in Cardinal country, looking for open-minded, attractive, sexy, sincere, fun-lovin' gentleman. I'm tallish, moustached, 185#, thirty-five and something, attractive, athletically inclined sans weights (softball, swimming, biking), fond of college basketball and anything with humor, non-drinker, HIV-, hung, wanting to connect with another athletically inclined, sexy (can you tell what's on my mind?), HIV- man in good physical shape who would like to check out the no-obligations-chemistry. Not looking for new friends, but someone to sleep/massage/cuddle/do it with. How 'bout coffee at the PA Roasting Company, a Stanford home game, or two sets of tennis? Reply BT Box JA140C or call ★★5898.

Married Man Seeks Buddies

Happy man in open long-term gay relationship looking to meet attractive new friends. Physique, color, age not important. Just be yourself and have senses of humor and self-confidence. Me: handsome and affectionate Taurus, 40, blond/red, 6', 175, into: gardening, Buddhism and meditation, wrestling, Japanese culture, travel and children. Playful safe sex optional. Mark, PO Box 882872, SF 94188-2872 or call ★★5899. All queries answered.

Enigma of the Absolute

Your eyes speak the song of Seraphim, and you're tall like the trees in the rain. You work in—Cliff's Variety—and your eyes are piercing smooth as a shooting star in the sky. You have a goatee and grown-out shaved hair, boots and you wear jeans (as does almost everybody, right?). Sometimes you wear a beenie (?) cap. I work out, write books, am very handsome. I do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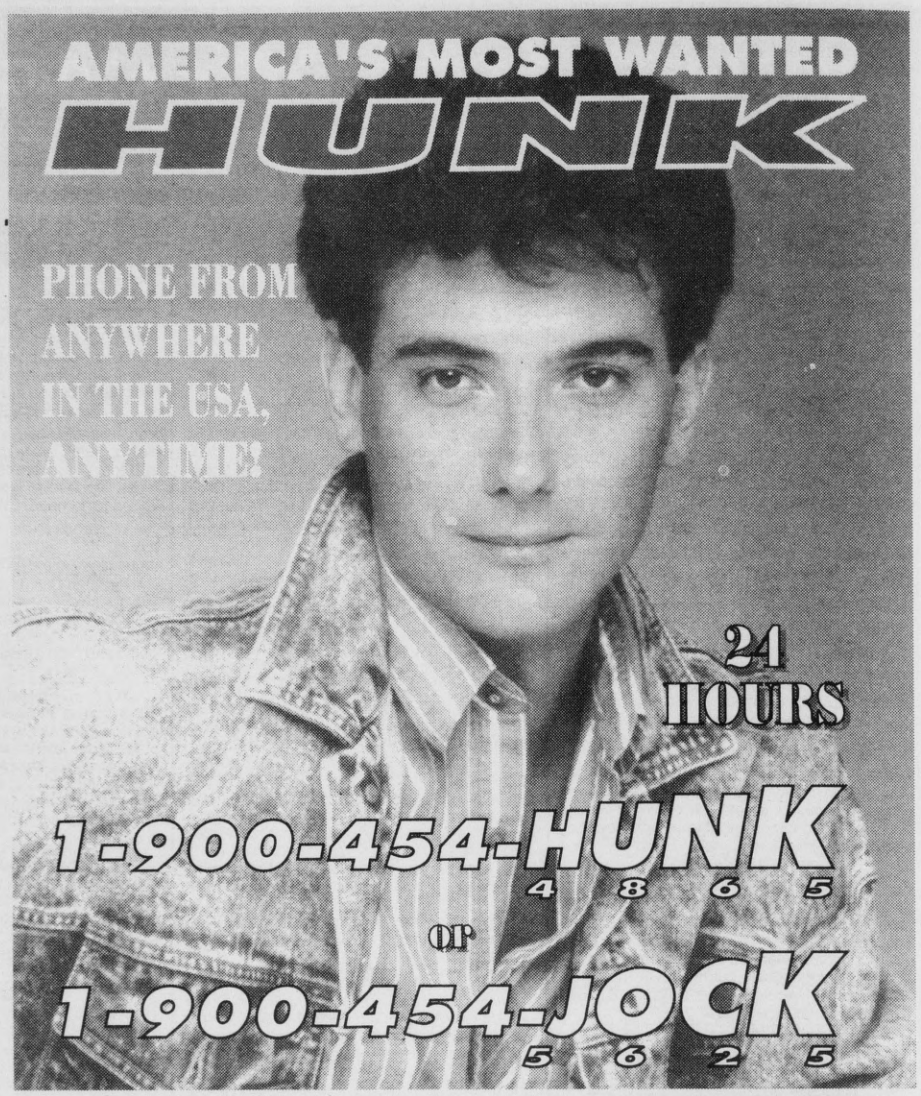

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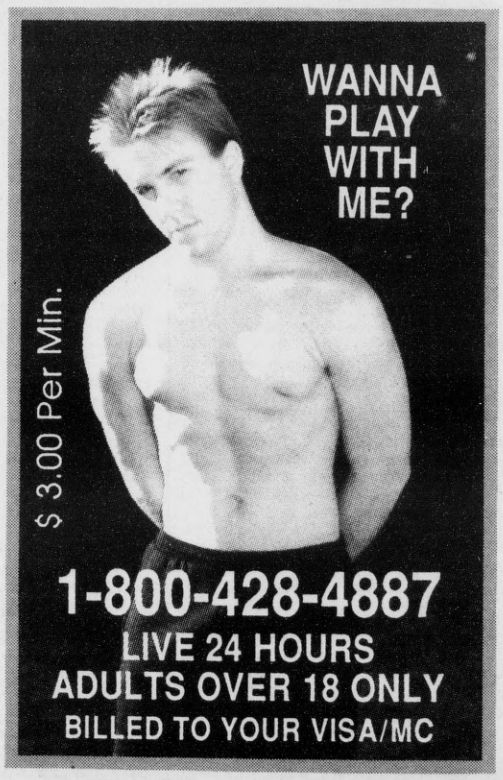

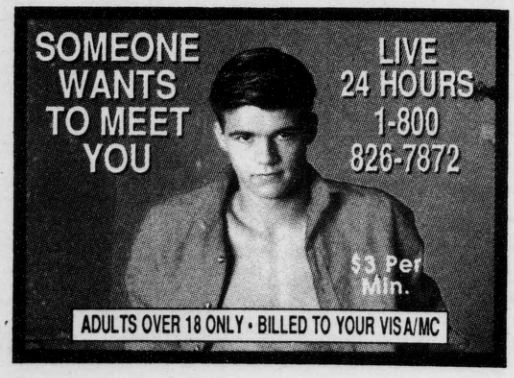

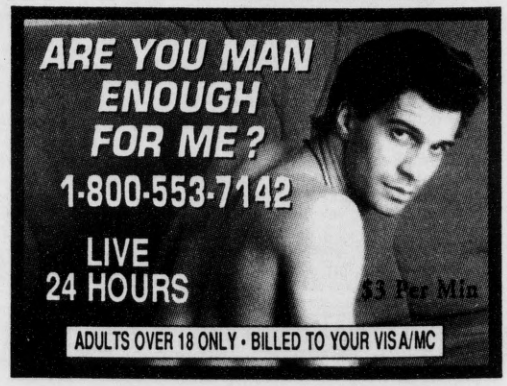

not want to present myself obtrusively, at your work. You have seen me before. "What is luck," he said, "but the ability to exploit accidents." Call ★★5900.

Leather Sex Ad

Attractive HIV-, 41 yrs. old, seeks regular pattern, 30-45 years old, for irregular sex. Preferences: safe & sane, oral, verbal, JO, exhibitionism, leather, jockstraps, versatile, fantasies, switchhitter, sensual to sleazy. No drugs, alcohol, FF or WS. Weight proportionate to height. Letter & photo (returned). Reply BT Box JA141C or call ★★5901.

Older Men

Horny guy, 32, seeks sexual encounters with in-shape, mature men, 40-60. I'm 5'10", 180 lbs., bearded, work out. Not looking for permanent relationship, but need a regular sexual outlet. Some turn ons: titplay, spanking, underwear (jockeys, boxers, bikinis), passionate lovemaking. Am open to exploring new things and learning about what turns you on, too. Let's get together and fulfill our sexual needs. Please no smokers, drugs, alcohol. Send photo if possible. Reply BT Box JA142C or call ★★5902.

GWM 22, HIV-, Dolly Parton Fan

Live 105 music, sensitive, funny, friendly, helpful, 6'1", 200#, brn hair, brn eyes, hairy. Seeking GWM to 40, easygoing, working class, for movies, walks and company. Call ★★5903.

Quiet Man

Seeks love and passion with attractive masculine guy. Ltr or ? sought by shy man, 35, 6', trim. He makes weekend trips to the city and would consider a serious relationship beginning with a weekend affair. Are your weekends too full to spend some down time with an attractive, horny man. Photo and phone to Boxholder, PO Box 1217, Sebastopol 95473.

Like 'Em Big?

Tall, husky and cute guy (6'2", 195#, 42) with smooth chest and beard, seeks cute or boyish looking guys under 40 for cuddling, sleeping over, weekend drives, movies, dancing and sensual explorations. Various arrangements possible: casual dating, son, younger brother, partner. I'm playful, gentle, enthusiastic, easygoing, spiritual, and growth-oriented. Turned on by honesty, affection, mutuality, thoughtfulness, and humor; turned off by drugs, tobacco, hairy backs and snoring. Please be height/weight proportionate, HIV-, and GWM. Call ★★5904.

Dreams Do Come True

Never giving up in the pursuit is the key. While my dream relationship hasn't happened yet... it will. 27 y.o. GWM, 5'6", 160#, stocky, hairy, in good shape. A good job, intelligence & hard work are helping me reach my goals. Looking for masculine, sexy man to share great times with. You: under 40 y.o., able to drink, smoke or party on occasion but not let it rule your life, enjoy passionate, sometimes steamy sex and uninvolved. Call ★★5905.

Intelligent, Kind, Honest

Witty, all around nice guy. I'm a 26 y.o. professional who lives in SF and enjoys reading, movies, theater, all kinds of food, travel, banter with friends, and learning new things. I'm a bit shy and am more comfortable in small group settings than bars or clubs. I prefer things on the quiet side and don't smoke or drink. I'm about 6', 165 pounds, with brown hair and a beard. I'm looking for a relationship with an intelligent, together guy around my age. Reply BT Box JA143C or call ★★5906.

Masculine, Muscular Blue-Eyed Blond

35, 6 ft., 185 lbs., homeowner, stable, HIV+, very healthy, happy, handsome, adventurer, Napali, coast hiker, marlin fishing, snorkling, Halfdome climber. Body surfed Gold Coast of Australia, walked the snowy cobblestones of Montreal. 4-wheel through Baja, whale watched at Scamans Lagoon. Good nature, easygoing romantic man seeks good-looking, in shape masculine friend or ? for further adventures; must be experienced in outdoor activities, fun and romance. Husky, hairy, Gentle Ben types A+. Photo and letter. Reply BT Box JA144C or call ★★5907.

Snuggle Buddies Wanted

Seeking ongoing physical and emotional relationships. Sex can be wonderful, but no substitute for intimacy, companionship, and spiritual bonding. Me: 40, 6'5", 235#, green eyes, brown hair, trim graying beard, moustache, furry chest, healthy, romantic, versatile with GrA leanings. You: 34-48, 6'+, reasonably fit, bearded, nonsmoker, drug-free. My interests include singing, music and concerts, two-stepping, movies and theater, volunteerism, spiritual growth, exploring the City on foot, architecture, weekend jaunts, beachcombing and fine food. Write with recent photo (returnable) to PO Box 460220, SF 94146-0220 or call ★★5908.

How Long Is Your...

... ponytail? Longhaired, softspoken, strawberry blond, mid-30s, cleanshaven, decent-looking, HIV-, 5'8", 150, with smiling green Irish eyes, wants a few new friends. I get a kick out of longhaired guys, value integrity and kindness, don't care for tobacco or selfishness. Varied interests, adventuresome, playful, contemplative. Give fabulous hot oil massage. Size 9 shoe. Your beach or mine? Reply BT Box JA145C or call ★★5909.

Masculine Healthy Handsome

Seeking dates or ? with bright, masculine, sexy men, 30-45. Sense of humor a must. I'm 6', 165 lbs., 41, good shape, HIV-, independent and fun-loving. Ready to go. Please respond with picture and number. Reply BT Box JA146C.

If I Can't Dance...

I don't want to be part of your revolution. Intellectual Jewish Anarcho Commie Pinko Fag, 41, seeks soulmate. Short of that, someone to dance with. Write to: CPF, 2300 Market, #102, SF 94114 or call ★★5910.

Magic Happens

Are you kind? Sober gay Deadhead, 32, relocated to SF, making new circle of friends. (Castro makes me feel like a stranger—anybody else?) I'm fun loving, longhaired, vegetarian with kind soul. Interested in Native American spirituality/paganism. Intense music lover; also enjoy long conversations, hiking, Peter Weir films, 12-steps, Ramtha, Star Trek, ocean (I live in Outer Sunset), most important—being with close friends. Progress from friendship to relationship? Magic happens. Similar interests? Let's get in touch. Sobriety a must, nonsmokers, straight-acting a plus. P.S. Where's my Mardi Gras ticket? Paradise waits. Reply BT Box JA147C.

Think of Him as a Friend First

Disarmingly attractive GWM, 47 (looks 37), 5'9", 145 lbs., HIV+, cleanshaven, longhair, nice body, warm, affectionate, seeks a taller (to 6'3") muscular man, 28-50, who is also a kind and loving soul. I love nature, dinner, jazz, healthy food, the gym, bikes, hikes, movies, books, massage, erotic excitement and intimacy. Call ★★5911.

Former Midwesterner Looking For

horny couples only. I am looking for that particular hot & horny couple who'd both thoroughly enjoy a safe ass pounding of their respective receptive hairy moist holes. Me, I'm GBM, 39, HIV-, 6'1", 200 lbs. Top, blue collar worker with 8½ inches. I enjoy pro-football, baseball, basketball & pro-wrestling along with 3-ways or more. Voyeurism & exhibitionism along with XXX-movies & oral gratification. Age and race are unimportant, but I'd enjoy being photographed playing safely with both of you. I insist upon using condoms at all times. No single men, drunks, $ or drug users. Out of towners welcomed. Open-minded, free-spirited, couples with positive mental attitude please respond. Reply BT Box JA148C or call ★★5912.

East Bay Sensuous Blond!

Seeks HIV- romantic gay man for heart to heart intimacy with intellect... I am a 37-year-old, attractive, HIV-, bottomish, quiet, easygoing, Irish-American guy, 5'8", 145, smooth, solid, still tanned body, wearing wire rimmed specs. I have a weakness for an adventurous, hairy man with a dominant soul and a strong body who is open to a committed relationship. Reply BT Box JA149C or call ★★5913.

Sober HIV+ Safer Sex Buddies

GWM, clean and sober, HIV+ teddy bear, tired of sex life consisting of getting myself off watching the VCR. I am interested in meeting other HIV+ men in Recovery to experience safer sex with. Especially kissing, touching, cuddling, JO, titplay, oral sex. I am 39 y.o., 220 lbs. (a man's body), 5'11", asymptomatic and in good health. Reply BT Box JA150C or call ★★5914.

Read This Ad...

... when you're alone at night. Do you like videos, fireplaces, music, good conversation? Do you like movies, window shopping, working out? Would you like to meet a 27 y.o. GWM, considered handsome, who is in good shape? Are you under 30, cute, preferably under 5'11" & in good shape? If you answered yes to these questions, maybe we should talk. People have called me friendly, intelligent and easygoing. Other qualities: nice hair, a good smile, long legs and good hands. More top than bottom. Let's meet for friendship or ? Reply BT Box JA151C or call ★★5915.

Santa Cruz Connection

Passionate, professional male, young 43, physically, emotionally, financially fit, 5'11", 155, love outdoors, skiing, tennis, jazz, film, cooking. We both are attractive, trim, firm, HIV-. Happy in a museum or at the bottom of the Grand Canyon. No smoke or bars. Honest friendship first, long-term goal—monogamous magic. Reply BT Box JA152C or call ★★5916.

Fremont Yuppie GWM

Wanted HIV-, sexy, good-looking, professional, nice body (nice butt and legs preferred). I am looking for a guy 24-32 with personality, looks and brains. Colt men turn me on. I am 23 y.o. professional, very good-looking, brown hair, very green eyes, built nice, nice hairy legs. I resemble Kurt Russel/Patrick Swayze. Reply with photo and phone. Reply BT Box JA153C.

Older Seeks Younger

You finally found me! You're 18-35, any race, submissive (at least at home), shy OK. I'm professional, mature, masculine, have facial and body hair, and am sometimes dominant. We're both affectionate, emotionally and financially stable, don't smoke or use drugs, and rarely, if ever, drink. We are also HIV-, down-to-earth (but sometimes earthy) and are not likely to be found in bars. Reply BT Box JA154C or call ★★5917.

Vital, Lustful, Adventuresome

Broad-shouldered, hairy-chested, Mediterranean type. Good-looking, masculine, w/ready smile.

"Tell me about your first time!"

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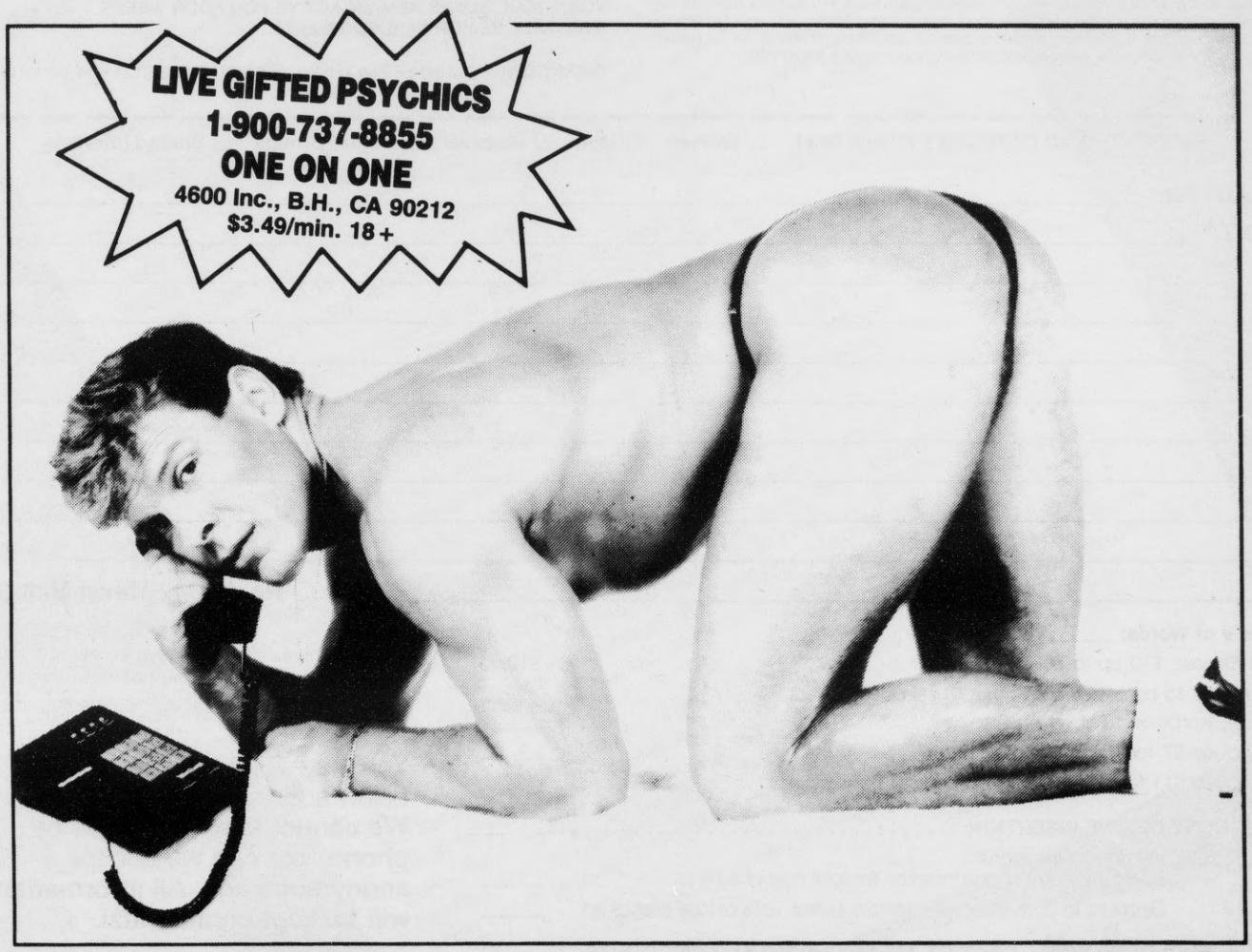

"Big, hot and horny."

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Passionate about life so my interests & tastes are eclectic. Love to learn & teach. Sensual & sensible. Good negotiator looking for a friend first. Trust, intimacy & lust to follow. I'm a young 44, HIV-, nonsmoker, a burly 5'6", 170# (gym) who loves hearty kisses & deep conversation. You are a huggable, versatile to top with glowing energy & willingness to grow. Hairy, thin top, redhead, uncut or not. Strength of character, affection, good dental hygiene (& sense of humor) more important. Risk happiness. Call ★★5918.

Valentines and More?

Sweetheart of a guy looking for affectionate men interested in dating our way into love. I'm a good-looking, bright GWM, 37, many interests including arts, politics, spirituality. Seeking nonsmokers who have a sense of humor and good self-esteem. Let's get together over a pizza or popcorn and share our dreams. Hawaiian honeymoon, anyone? Call ★★5919.

Positively Looking

GWM, 35, 5'11", 155, with Italian good looks—dark brown hair and eyes—on a gym-trim body. I'm a reserved, bright, easygoing professional musician who's HIV+. Looking to meet other self-assured, stable, attractive, intelligent, HIV+ nonsmokers. Open to lots of things—including relationship. Prefer photo and note, please. Reply BT Box JA155C or call ★★5920.

Warm, Sexy, Sensual

Swimmer's build, Italian features, very handsome, hairy, grey at the temples, looking to play. 34, 5'9", 160 lbs., great smile, eyes, legs and cock. I like visual play, rubbing bodies, stretching throats and then gently, firmly, safely taking turns. I am attracted to physically fit men, 20-40. Hairy and bearded are turn-ons, though definitely not necessary. Please Call ★★5921.

PWAs and HIV+ Men

Here I am. I'm a healthy, happy, active, energetic, horny, romantic PWA looking for other PWAs or HIV+ men for fun, friendship & romance. I'm a good-looking 30 y.o. GWM, 6'2", 180#, gym-toned, br/gr & cleanshvn. Some of my favorite things are kissing, holding hands, the gym, quiet evenings at home cuddling, wild nights out dancing, humor & passion. All calls will be answered. Call ★★5922.

Still Searching

Active and fun GWM (early twenties, 165, 6', blue eyes, red/brown hair) is looking for a bright, affectionate, honest and fun-loving guy to share walks on the beach, intelligent conversation, hiking, music, movies and art. I'm searching for quality friendships—not just sex. Reply BT Box JA156C.

Show Me

Your heart, your body, the City. Relocating back to SF (already there quite often); seeking new friends (relationship?). Medical professional who is articulate and aware; with a strong, spirited drive and personality, positive attitude (HIV-); expressive, sophisticated, passionate (about everything!). Intellectually curious and gifted. Life and relationship experienced. Love to teach, nurture, support. Look-wise: 6', 173#, dark eyes/light hair; handsome, cleancut, masculine, healthy; active, young-looking late 30s; with a great smile, medium build. Sexually: very oral, very top, well-endowed, intense, physical/affectionate. Am: grounded, playful, sensitive, focused, adventurous, thoughtful, commitment-oriented, yet independent (smile and laugh easily). Believe in: communication, compassion, truth and principles, personal and social responsibility. Interests: all sciences, music, arts, travel, nature, politics. Enjoy: romance, hot sex, beach walks; intimate, long talks; touching and cuddling. Looking for: my age or younger; similar traits and qualities; who is open, optimistic, loving. Blonds, good kissers, smooth and nonsmokers a plus! Wanna be my special friend? Reply BT Box JA157C or call ★★5923.

Pubeless

Totally smooth, muscular, masculine WM, 40s, 6', 165 lbs., wants same any age or race for mutual sensual massage, JO & hot nipple play. Share your fantasies. Call ★★5924.

See the Sun, Hold Your Hand

and walk the sand. Tired of playing silly games with shallow, insincere people? If so and you have been waiting to meet an attractive, healthy 25 y.o. GM, then perhaps you have been waiting for me. I am 6 ft. tall, 170 lbs., and I am looking for a man, 24 to 37 y.o., who is caring, honest, does not smoke and would like someone very special in his life. Call ★★5925.

I Love Your Fuzzy Face

Bearded, hairy GBM, 6', 225 lbs., 28 y.o., HIV-, seeks GM (any race) under age 45 with beard (or at least moustache). I'm nonsmoker, non-drug user and light drinker (seeking all the same). Likes movies, traveling, dancing, dining, snuggling, bear hugs and all the rest of the usual stuff. Dislikes: liars, fakes and phonies. Interested persons write to Boxholder, PO Box 191076, SF 94119-1076 or call ★★5926.

Built Buddies

Very muscular, attractive BiWM seeks buddy for ongoing great safe sex and fun (hike, swim, bike, surf, movies, camping...) I'm 30, 6', masculine, long hair, earthy, comical, HIV-, in LTR (she knows). You're muscular and HIV-. Age, vices less important. Prefer earthy, masculine, outdoor type. Bi in LTR ideal! Gay OK. All replies answered. Discretion guaranteed! Send letter and photo (returned) to Boxholder, PO Box 3443, Santa Rosa 95402.

Deaf GWM

Deaf GWM, 39, 6' fall, slender, straight-acting, sincere, gentle, honest, good-natured, affectionate, nonsmoker, never take drugs and HIV-. My hobbies are: spectator sports, chess, gyms, bowling, cooking, movies, massage, enjoying company, traveling and relaxing on a quiet evening with someone special. Seeking GAM, GLM, GBM, 21-45 for friendship and maybe more, similar interests and description as above. If interested, contact me: Boxholder, PO Box 190223, SF 94119-0223. Photos appreciated.

Whips and Rodents

Not really, but marketing myself by words is something new. I like the idea; it seems less grueling than the caverns of testosterone and imbalance that are boy bars. Send a photo and letter. I am GWM, 25, 6 ft., 160 lbs., blue eyes, chestnut hair, handsome, extroverted, well educated, generous. If you are attractive and mature, I am flexible about the rest. Reply BT Box JA158C.

Pucks, Hoops, Pigskin and More

I can't be the only ultra-masculine, jock-type, bright, fun guy knowledgeable about hockey and other team sports and into goin' to or watchin' games. I'm 6'3", 200, 31, light-skinned, HIV-GBM, great looking, educated, professional, work-out, discreet, not into scene whatsoever. Looking for similar wholesome gay or bi/married WM/LM, 35, HIV-, for sports buddy with dating/relationship possibilities. Extremely masculine only please. Anywhere in Bay Area OK. Please send letter with photo (all returned) Reply BT Box JA 159C.

Cool Quality

College educated, level headed, professional, very masculine and clean-cut, handsome, sports-minded guy seeks same qualities in a GW or GLM, 25-35. I'm light-skinned, HIV- GBM, 6'3", 200, 31, green eyes, bright, sincere, genuine, good upbringing and a blast. Like me, you probably run with the straight crowd at times but are comfortable being a straight-acting gay man. One night you like goin' to a hockey, football or basketball game, the next night a romantic evening with your guy. We're just regular guys that have a hard time meeting one another in SF. Please send photo (all returned) East Bay and San Jose welcome. Let's meet. Reply BT Box JA160C.

Gently Dominant Bondage-Master

Extremely hairy, hung, handsome, HIV- topman. Daddy-bear in boxer shorts (or leather) & Rough Rider condom loves sweaty fucking & fevered fantasies. Bearded, 5'8", 160, late-30s, big circumcised dick. If you're younger, nice-looking, bright & somewhat adventurous, w/cute butt & firm-body (firm-body required to turn me on) I can be: Coach initiating you; Warden strip-searching you; Big brother teaching you strip poker; Daddy cuddling you. Or... use your imagination. "Curious" & "inexperienced" can be charming in reality—erotic in fantasy. If we click, I prefer taking our time; don't like quickies. Beyond fantasies, I'm creative, bright, enjoy theater, long walks & politics; can be "straight-appearing," but would rather be queer-identified. And sure, I'd like more than sex, but recent end of 2-year monogamous relationship (well, anyway, I was monogamous) has left me horny; too much in life up in the air! So it's time to be playful; return to gym; drop 10 lbs.; flatten my tummy again before April; find fuck-buddy(ies). If we end up spending the night together, sharing laughs, going out, becoming friends, that would be a great bonus! But meanwhile... Call ★★5927.

We Won't Rest Until You Are Satisfied Socially

Next Deadline for All Ads: Feb 7 for Feb 13

How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

FOLLOW THE EASY INSTRUCTIONS when you call. You can either enter the Call Star Extension of a specific ad that interests you, or you can browse through a variety of greetings and respond to any or all of them. Select the ads you wish to leave messages for and record your responses. Be sure to include your telephone number and the best times to call. Calls cost 96 cents per minute and will appear on your monthly telephone bill.

How To Get a "Call Star" Voice Mail Box

IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through Mar. 30. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR 2 MONTHS
VOICE MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR FOUR WEEKS
MAIL WILL BE FORWARDED WEEKLY

QUESTIONS? Call the SF Bay Times office at (415) 626-8121 and ask for Greta.

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☐ Check here if it's OK to leave a message on your answering machine if we need to contact you

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You may stop by the office at the below address to fill out a coupon. **We cannot take personals by phone, nor can we accept anonymous ads. All information will be kept confidential.**

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

WORD COUNTS/PRICE INFO: 'A,' 'and,' 'the,' zip codes, PO Boxes, etc. should all be included in your word counts. There are no refunds for ads. If there is an error in your ad which substantially affects the value of the ad, we will issue you a credit to rerun the ad. If you have submitted an ad which does not fall within our editorial guidelines and we are unable to notify you, we will issue a credit to run a different ad.

ADVERTISING GUIDELINES In placing an ad, you must not use names, telephone numbers or street addresses. The San Francisco Bay Times hopes that you will submit ad copy in keeping with our general editorial policies. Ads should stress those qualities the advertiser finds compatible rather than target specific lifestyles, races or other aspects in a negative manner. We understand the difference between discrimination and personal preference. If your ad does not fall within the realm of our guidelines, we may notify you and allow you to make the necessary alterations. We reserve the right to edit ads. We reserve the right to reject any ad whatsoever.

Remember: speech isn't as free on the telephone as it is in the newspaper. Government regulations forbid the "F-word" recorded on phone lines and other such direct communication. Have fun but be sensible.

FREE PERSONAL AD!

San Francisco **Bay Times** is offering a FREE 70-word voice mail personal ad for Valentine's

Have fun! Go wild! Just fill out the coupon on page 50 and return it to our office by Feb. 7. Your ad will appear in a February issue. It's on us!**

**If your ad is longer than 70 words, please include the extra 15 cents for each word over 70 words. If you want a Bay Times Mail Reply Box as well as voice mail, please add the additional $7 (to pick up your mail in our office) or $11 (for weekly mail forwarding), as printed on the coupon.

Excerpts from the Publisher's State of the Paper Address, January 28, 1992

My fellow gays, lesbians, and bisexuals,

I speak to you tonight of big things... huge things... um... swollen things of biblical proportions. This year has seen a surging expansion... in the Bay Times personal advertising section. We have made a commitment to you, our readers, that we print proudly in each issue, and I say again to you tonight that WE WILL NOT REST until we have... satisfied... ALL our readers. And I think tonight of the strapping young women, toiling under the hot sun of a summer afternoon on the farms of Marin county, their T-shirts sticking slightly to the mild sweat of an honest day's work... and I recall the brave GI Joes and GI Janes in the sands of Desert Storm, reading copies of the SFBT sent from home, languishing in loose fatigues against the hard, unrelenting steel of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, waiting for action.

Tonight, I unveil an aggressive, forceful, driving plan to pump up personal advertising in the short-term. But this plan will soon be accompanied by a slow, deliberate, lingering, gradual, carefully thought-out strategy to build our long-term position. I have asked our accounting department this evening to issue a Publishers Advertising Credit of $10 for all personal advertisers in the Feb. 13, Valentines Day issue. The PAC, otherwise known as **FREE AD IN THE FEBRUARY 13TH ISSUE**, will return hundreds of dollars into the snug pockets of gay, lesbian and bisexual men and women to reinvest in social activities of all sorts over coming months.

But this is not all. I think tonight of the many readers who have come to me for help, who have reminded me of our pledge to them. I see tonight the anguished eyes of Mary Alice, of Carolyn, of Barbara, of Janice... of Sylvia, Cathy, Louise, Angela... Maggie, and of Suzanne. As Publisher, there is only so much I can do personally, and so I ask you, our readers, to do your share as well to meet our goal.

We are all facing hard times. Tough times. Increasingly, we are helpless in the insistent grip of... um... recession and the tight bondage of... stiff Federal regulations. But I say to you tonight that together, we CAN achieve satisfaction... together we CAN push ourselves, inch by inch... by inch by inch... by inch... into a new era of personal advertising.

God Bless You. And God Bless Our Beloved Newspaper.

Thank you and goodnight.

Bi BISEXUAL

Sun And Moon
sexual woman seeks Sun to her Moon. I'm iscean, nesting-type who likes dancing, din- , the ocean. I realize answering this can ex- e you to all sorts of social criticism ("Did you r what so-and-so is going out with?" "She's a real woman.") Hey, I know that. I also know e hit it off it won't matter what people say, and stand by you. (If you like what you've just read ut only want to hang out, that's fine.) To find out ore call ★★4535.

Cruz Drag Queen
wants to meet

S SHARED INTEREST

Two-Step Partner
I'm a lesbian, wanting an intermediate level lesbian dance partner or buddy to go out dancing at the Rawhide & Corral with. Prefer a leader who sometimes likes to follow but am flexible. I am 40, very friendly, and have quite a varigated background. Call soon. Call ★★4806.

Classical Musicians—Sightreaders
Patient, kind, sensitive professional accompanist/voice coach seeks other capable instrumentalists/singers for informal, artistic (but ...ported) music-making. If you are a careful, ...(who may have "blocks") ...are with, you

...who, like ... "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 1234, ...dley 94701 or call ★★4780.

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places. I am looking for someone who share these interests and wants to explore life togethe Photo with letter please to: PO Box 231, Big S 93920.

No, My Dick Is Not Shaped Like A Hamburger
or a flying saucer, or an atomic bomb, if that what you're into. Don't come to me if you're hun up on bedding down Tom Cruise. I am, howeve in control of my head and know who I am an what I'm seeking. I'm 40, 5'10", slim with brow hair and graying beard, HIV –, and I've been to I'm good-looking. And dammit, I am. But fla people do not get me hard and I need a ma who has a real personality, is not into the "scene and is not afraid of committing to someone wh ...sts and enjoys a walk in the pa ...e bars. Your look

W WOMEN

I Believe You're Out There Somewhere
At least I want to believe it, still, though I've been looking for a very long time. I hope you show up before I give up hoping for love in this lifetime. I'm a firesign, 12/2/41, professional, mainstream, middle class; I like contemporary novels and movies, to laugh, dance, walk on Ocean Beach and in G.G. Park; I draw a little, write a little, rare eton; smoke/toke; I'm kinda shy, quirky about food (not vegetarian), sincere, perceptive, have ...mplicated schedule. In my dreams you're ...live in SF—so we can en- ...verage body,

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